

## Opposition to HB145

I urge the Oregon House Of Representatives to **OPPOSE HB4145**.

Especially during this time of increasingly authoritarian actions by the national government, Oregonians more than ever need to preserve the right to self-defense. This is a right not universal to even the western hemisphere and those countries who need it the most, do not have this right. It would be a great shame to forget the lessons of history that teach us about strong nationalist polices that exist today.

In addition:

- If HB4145 were about saving lives, suicide prevention, meaning mental health aid prior to suicidal incidents, would be the action. Even the state's own taskforce does not recommend gun control as measures to prevent suicide.
- HB4145 increases fees (\$65-\$150, +130%) and delays (30-60 days, +100%), with no recourse by Oregonians when the schedule is not met and must be restarted.
  - The delays with the training requirement means it takes 3-4months for an Oregonian to exercise their 2<sup>nd</sup> amendment rights.
  - This increase in fees and delays mean that some Oregonians cannot afford to execute their constitutional rights to self-defense.
- This is no longer a 'Shall' issue permit with the clause that it may be denied based on a subjective ruling, without adjudication, by the issuing authority.
- HB4145 installs a registry of gun owners that can be misused or breached, which is a direct violation of federal law.
- HB4145 seeks to manipulate the judicial system by requiring all legal challenges to be completed through Marion Circuit Court. This means the law is so wrong that the authors know it will not survive legal challenges outside of their home court.
- Lastly HB4145 adjusts the implementation of the permit system to January 1, 2028. If this were the only provision of the bill, it would be acceptable to give time for judicial challenges to complete.

Again, I urge Oregon representatives to stand in **OPPOSITION to HB4145**.

Sincerely,

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