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I respectfully oppose Oregon House Bill 4145.

HB 4145 effectively creates a roundabout tax on law-abiding citizens by imposing additional costs and requirements that disproportionately impact responsible firearm owners. These burdens do not enhance public safety and instead penalize those who already comply with existing laws.

The bill also raises serious concerns about the creation of a de facto firearm registry. Centralizing or tracking firearm ownership information presents risks to privacy and civil liberties without a clear or proven benefit to public safety.

As a certified police officer in the State of Oregon, I am also concerned that HB 4145 will divert limited law enforcement resources away from addressing violent crime. Police agencies across the state are already understaffed and underfunded. Requiring additional administrative oversight and enforcement of regulatory compliance will strain agencies further, without preventing criminals from possessing or using firearms. Individuals intent on committing crimes do not follow regulatory requirements, meaning this bill will have little impact on criminal behavior.

For these reasons, I urge the committee to oppose HB 4145.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony.

Respectfully,
David Van Buskirk