

Submitter:

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On Behalf Of:

Committee:

House Committee On Judiciary

Measure, Appointment or Topic:

HB4145

I oppose 4145 for the following reasons:

4145 increases the financial burden of ballot measure 114, which is being litigated on many points, one of which was the affordability and how it discriminates against marginalized communities and the underserved. This is a further punitive action toward those communities who would already struggle to meet the financial burden.

Extending the carve-out for Law Enforcement (retired.) Oregon government establishing a tiered system of rights based on state and local government service is discriminatory on its face and further creates a divide within the population.

The carve-out that only challenges can occur in the county Salem resides in. Not only should that be thrown out, the petitioners should be looked at for the latent racism wrapped in that item alone. The less fortunate, marginalized, and underserved will have far more challenges traveling and taking time off of work for longer periods to protest in defense of their rights. Proposing a figurative wall between justice and the underserved crosses many lines.

The current state of America. Suggesting further infringement on citizen right to defense when citizen rights are being questioned at the Federal level is tone deaf beyond belief.

Finally, the behavior from state representatives such as Kropf and Prozanski targeting the rights of the underserved by building a discriminatory wall is despicable and may require a ballot measure for voters next ballot season stripping qualified immunity from politicians for blatant attacks on citizen rights at the civil level.