

Submitter:

J C

On Behalf Of:

Committee:

House Committee On Judiciary

Measure, Appointment or Topic:

HB4145

Thank you for considering my comments. I voted for measure 114, now I regret having done so. I would like to propose changes to this measure. I believe this measure goes too far. With all the upheaval in our country, I'm speculate that many Oregonians would vote differently on 114 today. 4145 doubles the waiting period and cost for a license from what voters initially approved. Current State background checks seem very good, and that seems like enough, making licenses through the county an unnecessary barrier, adding more money and bureaucracy. 4145 also infringes on on Section 20 (Equality of privileges and immunity of citizens: no law shall be passed granting to any citizen or class of citizens privileges or immunities, which, upon the same terms, shall not equally belong to all citizens) of the Oregon Constitution by allowing off duty and retired law enforcement officers to carry magazines that can hold more than 10 rounds. It creates 2 separate classes of citizens. I propose allowing CHL holders (the CHL is something any law abiding Oregon citizen can obtain) to be able to carry magazines with more than ten rounds (the standard for many handguns since the 1980s). Please close the Charleston Loophole like 114 does (although few FFLs in Oregon actually allow transfers through this loophole). Oregon (and the US as a whole) has seen murder rates plunge to decade lows, despite 114 not going into affect. I don't think it makes us safer. Many liberals and conservatives want to have firearms with standard capacities over 10 rounds to keep them safe from domestic violence perpetrators, bigots, criminals, and from tyranny. They also don't want burdensome, costly and lengthy measure to undertake to get a license to then go through another background check. Historically, few Oregonians that obtain their firearms legally use them in an illegal manner. Thank you for considering these comments.