

Submitter:

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On Behalf Of:

Committee:

House Committee On Judiciary

Measure, Appointment or Topic:

HB4145

Testimony Opposing HB 4145

Chair, Vice-Chairs, and Members of the Committee,

My name is Janet, and I am writing today in strong opposition to HB 4145.

This bill is being presented as a public-safety measure, but it does not meaningfully address the root causes of crime or improve community safety. Instead, it adds another layer of statutory language that will fall on the people who already follow the law, while doing nothing to change the behavior of those who don't.

New laws will never deter criminals from breaking the law.

If someone is already willing to violate existing statutes, adding another one to the books will not suddenly change their decision-making. What it will do is create more complexity, more bureaucracy, and more unintended consequences for ordinary Oregonians and for the agencies tasked with enforcement.

HB 4145 focuses on expanding rules rather than strengthening accountability. It creates the appearance of action without delivering real solutions. Oregon does not need more symbolic legislation we need policies that actually improve safety, support enforcement, and hold offenders accountable in ways that matter.

For these reasons, I urge you to reject HB 4145 and instead pursue measures that address crime directly, reinforce consequences for unlawful behavior, and restore public confidence in our justice system.

Thank you for your time and consideration.