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On Behalf Of: Self
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Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB4145
Chair Kropf, Vice-Chairs Chotzen & Wallan, & Members of the House Committee On Judiciary
Subject: Opposition to 2026 HB 4145

Thank you for the opportunity to submit written testimony. I oppose this bill, and I encourage you to kill it in Committee. If not there- please oppose it with your floor vote.

The reasons are many to kill, or at least slow your roll, this bill. Here are but a few:

1. The issue of the constitutionality (that's the Oregon state Constitution) of Measure 114 is currently before the Oregon Supreme Court. As articulated by Rep. Boshart Davis- "HB 4145 bill resurrects the failed framework of Measure 114, creating the same operational problems and constitutional concerns without delivering meaningful public safety improvements."
2. The bill as introduced (and its process) is already chock full of dirty tricks, including a) little time for the public to submit testimony; b) if passed; challenges must be brought in Marion County, and the state AG must be brought in; and c) much-abused Emergency Clause.
3. The bill exempts retired law enforcement from the 10-round magazine limit, creating a two-tiered system where former officers have access to items denied to others. Q: Since when may the Oregon State Legislature grant any special privilege to any class of people? A: Since NEVER.
4. The bill would require every firearm purchaser to obtain a permit from their local police chief or sheriff. Counties and other local jurisdictions should not be burdened with the tasks that would be required by the bill- especially without providing funding and adequate time to design processes, implement systems, and staff up. No unfunded mandates.
5. Arguably, the bill would provide little or no public safety gains.
6. The bill requires firearm safety training. There are no standards. (See number 4 above re: funding and time.)

I will stop there.

Again, I oppose this bill, and encourage you to kill it.

Thank you.

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