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I stand firmly opposed to HB 4145. HB 4145's goal is not to create a safer state but to unduly frustrate law abiding Oregonians into not exercising their constitutional rights, specifically the right to bear arms. This is done through increasing the costs associated with the permit to purchase from \$65 to \$150, and increasing the timeline to issue from 30 days to 60. Rights are not reserved for only the rich and in a time when many families are already struggling under the ever increasing taxes in this state increasing unnecessary fees will price many out of being able to exercise their rights.

In addition to this law abiding citizens can be denied a permit based on the arbitrary discretion of the issuing agency. This can lead to law abiding citizens being denied a permit, the government's permission, to engage in constitutionally protected activity because the issuing agent doesn't agree with the applicant's perceived political ideology, race sexual orientation or even the color of the shirt they are wearing. That is not how a constitutional right works. imagine if you had to get permission from a government agency in order to speak freely, or practice your religion.

I also have problems with the special exemptions carved out for law enforcement, again constitutional rights are not granted and restricted based on the job title of law abiding citizens. For a state that prides itself on equality creating a two tiered system of rights goes firmly against that.