

Testimony in Strong Opposition to House Bill 4145
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Chair and members of the Committee,

My name is Tripp Dietrich, and I am a candidate for Oregon Senate District 16. I am testifying today in **strong opposition** to HB 4145, consistent with the position of the Oregon Firearms Federation (OFF), Oregon's leading no-compromise Second Amendment advocacy organization. This bill represents yet another legislative attempt to impose burdensome, discriminatory, and likely unconstitutional restrictions on law-abiding gun owners through modifications to the failed Ballot Measure 114 framework. HB 4145 does not fix the core problems with Measure 114—it entrenches and expands them.

These changes erect higher financial and procedural barriers for ordinary Oregonians exercising their constitutional right to keep and bear arms, while offering no meaningful public safety benefit. **Criminals do not apply for permits; law-abiding citizens do.**

The LCM provisions remain deeply flawed. The bill modifies affirmative defenses but preserves the core prohibition (with narrow carve-outs for manufacturers selling exclusively to military/LE, LE use, and pre-ban ownership under strict storage/transport rules). It adds protections against prosecution only while an injunction is in place and gives dealers/manufacturers 180 days post-injunction reversal to comply—yet still criminalizes everyday possession and transfer for most citizens. This does nothing to address crime while punishing responsible owners.

Additional issues include:

- Expanded alternatives to training (e.g., prior CHL courses, military quals within 10 years, NRA instructor certification, armed security cert) are positive but insufficient to offset the overall scheme's burdens.
- The 60-day processing window and potential denials based on "reasonable grounds" for danger (mental health, violence patterns)

invite subjective abuse and delays that could leave citizens defenseless.

- The emergency clause bypasses normal legislative scrutiny for a measure with sweeping impacts on constitutional rights.
- Annual reporting requirements on denials (including demographics) further entrench government tracking without proven efficacy.

Republicans have correctly labeled HB 4145 an "attack on your rights" and a "disgrace" that doubles wait times, hikes fees, and perpetuates discriminatory treatment favoring former LE over citizens. Measure 114 was narrowly passed amid legal challenges and court injunctions; HB 4145 legislatively overrides voter intent and judicial scrutiny while making the scheme even more onerous. **It will not reduce crime—it will only harass and disarm the law-abiding.**

I urge the Committee to reject HB 4145 in its entirety. Protect the Second Amendment rights of all Oregonians equally. Vote no on this bill. Thank you for your time and consideration. I am happy to answer questions.

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