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HB4145

I oppose Oregon Ballot Measure 114.

Although voters approved this measure in 2022, it has remained unenforceable for more than three years due to serious legal and constitutional concerns. While the Oregon Court of Appeals ruled the measure constitutional in March 2025, that decision is now under review by the Oregon Supreme Court, and implementation has again been delayed until at least March 15, 2026. This prolonged uncertainty highlights the measure's fundamental flaws.

Measure 114 creates a permitting system that is unworkable, inconsistently applied, and dependent on government agencies that were never adequately prepared or funded to administer it. As a result, law-abiding Oregonians have faced confusion, delays, and unequal access to a constitutional right, while there is little evidence the measure would meaningfully reduce violent crime.

Public safety is best served by policies that are clear, constitutional, and enforceable—not laws that remain tied up in litigation for years and erode public trust. For these reasons, Measure 114 should be reconsidered and ultimately rejected in favor of solutions that target criminals, not responsible citizens.