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On Behalf Of:

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House Committee On Judiciary

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HB4145

I'd like to voice my opposition to HB 4145, specifically against it being worked on at all before the State Supreme Court has ruled on BM 114.

I listened to the meeting transcript (2/2/2026 3pm PT) and wholly agree with those that argued against HB 4145. Guns don't kill people, people kill people. Focus on addressing the mental health issues that cause the very few to commit crimes rather than punishing honest law abiding firearm owners for being just that.

BM 114 and now HB 4145 do nothing to prevent criminals from committing crimes, it only attacks law abiding citizens exercising their 2FA rights.

Mag limits do nothing to prevent criminals from committing crimes, even if only 10 round mags were available to these criminals they would simply bring more of them and swapping them out is almost instant.

While I would support that all new gun owners should attend a firearm handling class, it should be more like we do for hunting where hunter safety classes are offered. While classes are an excellent idea, a permit is not. We all know these new permits are nothing more than another revenue stream source for our state government to mismanage and/or abuse. They are essentially yet another tax and the people are already very much overtaxed. Furthermore if the majority of the population feel the permit is so important then why are they not funding it via the general fund rather than burdening law abiding gun owners with related fees, I submit it is because their goal is simply to make firearm ownership as difficult as possible.

I encourage you to stop any movement on HB 4145 before the State Supreme Court has an opportunity to rule on the BM 114 issues before them or any filings that the proposed HB 4145 bring. The same really applies to the cases in front of the federal courts. Propose something common sense like everyone needs proper firearm training (no permit or fees to any government other than what we currently have), there's countless places every person can get firearms training and you won't see the level of push back like you are over BM 114 and HB 4145. Those with existing training: unless somehow you feel that the county Sheriff's and the ODFW don't understand what is required for adequate training, I'd submit that both concealed carry and hunters safety class should suffice to meet a training requirement. If you feel they do not, then why have you not required changes to the requirements for each? You certainly have had years of opportunity to do just that.

Regards,
Jeff