

Submitter: Timothy Benskin
On Behalf Of:
Committee: House Committee On Judiciary
Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB4145
Subject: Opposition to Oregon HB 4145 – Civil Liberties and Rural Impacts

Dear Members of the Oregon Legislature,

My name is Timothy Benskin, and I am writing to formally oppose House Bill 4145 due to serious concerns regarding civil liberties and the disproportionate impact this bill would have on rural Oregonians.

HB 4145 appears to expand government authority in ways that risk infringing on individual rights without sufficient safeguards or justification. Laws that increase monitoring, restrictions, or penalties—particularly when broadly applied—must be narrowly tailored and clearly necessary. In its current form, this bill raises concerns about overreach and the erosion of personal freedoms that many Oregonians value deeply.

I am also concerned that HB 4145 does not adequately account for the realities of rural life. Rural residents often face limited access to services, longer response times, and fewer alternatives than those in urban areas. Policies that may be manageable in population centers can become unworkable, costly, or unfair when applied to rural communities. This bill risks placing additional burdens on people who already operate with fewer resources and less infrastructure.

Oregon's laws should protect civil liberties while recognizing the vast differences between urban and rural communities. HB 4145, as written, fails to strike that balance. I respectfully urge you to oppose this bill or substantially revise it to ensure it does not compromise individual rights or disproportionately harm rural Oregonians.

Please record my testimony as opposed to HB 4145. Thank you for your time and for considering the perspectives of all Oregonians.

Respectfully,

Timothy Benskin
Oregon Resident