

Submitter:

Gretchen Bates

On Behalf Of:

Committee:

House Committee On Judiciary

Measure, Appointment or Topic:

HB4145

Dear Judiciary Committee-

I am writing to strenuously urge you to vote No on HB 4145 which would "modify" the permit to purchase system vaguely outlined in Ballot Measure 114.

1) The proposed modifications - including more than doubling the permit fee and doubling the permit processing time - clearly illustrate that the system designed always was infeasible.

2) The Constitutionality of BM 114 is still unclear and will likely be appealed all the way to the US Supreme Court.

3) The provision of HB 4145 that would preclude bringing legal challenges in any court other than Marion Circuit is so outrageous that it's laughable that any legislator could put it forth in good faith.

4) The emergency clause preventing a citizen vote is cynicism at its finest. You know Oregonians would vote this down.

For these reasons, I implore you to vote No on HB 4145.