

Submitter: Tonya Buzzard
On Behalf Of: We the People
Committee: Senate Committee On Rules
Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB4145

Chair and Members of the Committee,

My name is Tonya Buzzard, and I am writing to express my opposition to HB 4145 before the Oregon State Legislature.

While I understand the intent behind this legislation, I have serious concerns about its real-world impact on law-abiding Oregonians.

First, the proposed limits on magazine capacity raise constitutional and practical concerns. Many commonly owned firearms are designed to function with standard-capacity magazines. Mandating reduced capacity would require lawful owners to modify, replace, or dispose of legally purchased property. This places an undue burden on responsible citizens rather than addressing criminal misuse. Remember, Criminals do not follow the law.

Second, the financial impact of compliance cannot be ignored. Replacing magazines, paying new fees, or purchasing compliant equipment may seem minimal to some, but for seniors and individuals living on fixed incomes, these added costs are significant. At a time when many Oregonians are already struggling with inflation, housing costs, and healthcare expenses, the state should not impose additional financial strain on those least able to pay it.

Additionally, enforcement of magazine limits presents practical challenges and may divert law enforcement resources away from addressing violent crime and repeat offenders.

I respectfully urge you to consider approaches that target criminal behavior and Mental Health directly rather than placing new restrictions and expenses on law-abiding residents. For these reasons, I ask that you vote "No" on HB 4145.

Sincerely,
Tonya Buzzard
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