

Submitter: Michael Perez
On Behalf Of:
Committee: Senate Committee On Rules
Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB4145

I am writing to express my firm opposition to HB 4145.

While this bill is framed as a "fix" for Measure 114, it creates significant barriers for law-abiding citizens without addressing the root causes of violent crime.

I urge you to vote NO for the following reasons:

Financial Barriers: Increasing permit fees from \$65 to \$150 (a 130% increase) effectively prices lower-income Oregonians out of their constitutional rights.

Unreasonable Delays: Doubling the permit processing time from 30 to 60 days creates dangerous windows of vulnerability, particularly for survivors of domestic violence seeking self-defense.

Inequality Under the Law: The bill creates "carve-outs" for active and retired law enforcement, establishing two classes of citizens with different sets of rights.

Procedural Concerns: The lack of transparent public notice—with some hearings appearing on OLIS with less than 24 hours' notice—undermines public trust in the legislative process.

Constitutional rights should not depend on a person's ability to pay or their professional status. I respectfully request that you reject HB 4145 in its entirety.

Thank you for your time and for considering my testimony.

Sincerely,
Michael Perez