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On Behalf Of:
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I am OPPOSED to furtherance or passage of HB 4145. This bill is a poorly disguised attempt to correct constitutional failures of the ill-conceived & poorly constructed 2022 Measure 114, an attempt to put lipstick on a pig. The magazine capacity limit flies directly in the face of Oregon historical records and does nothing to prevent, reduce, or enhance public safety. Unlawful users of firearms don't obey laws nor matter how many are placed on the books. The double hurdle of mandating a purchase permit for which to pay skyrocketing fees and undergo time consuming criminal background checks by an overtasked state police force & via the FBI, and then to have to present said purchase permit at a retail sales counter and again require another background check via the state police, forcing the law abiding consumer to shell out even more money, is an obvious attempt to force a law abiding citizen to repeatedly pay for, unconstitutionally so, the exercise of the rights set forth in the 2nd Amendment. Further restricting the future cause of action to a single court within the state is unabashed & illegal forum shopping. *Arnold v Kotek* is already in deliberations within the state Supreme Court. The 9th Circuit is currently holding Oregon's fed'l magazine capacity appeal in abeyance due to current litigation of the Calif fed'l case of *Duncan v Bonta*. Public testimony re: this bill already submitted to the House & now to this Senate committee is overwhelmingly & consistently opposed to passage. Rep Kropf's harassing & bullying behavior within his committee session 2 weeks ago has tainted the subsequent vote, as evidenced by Rep Than's statement to Oregon Public Broadcasting. The fact that Oregon legislators choose to ignore such a cacophony of opposition is reprehensible & arrogant. This obvious anti-firearm effort is just an attempt at a multi-million dollar cash grab by the State. It is time to throw in the towel on this overly restrictive & unconstitutional effort. Let the current court cases decide. Eliminate the over burdensome necessity of travel to Marion County to file a cause of action. Quit placing burdensome & costly restrictions on law abiding citizens who wish to obtain a firearm. Start punishing criminals with effective law enforcement, court actions, & penalties. No longer use us lawful gun owners as your go to scapegoat. Kill this bill, vote it down!