

Submitter: Reuben Hines  
On Behalf Of:  
Committee: Senate Committee On Rules  
Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB4145

Dear Honorable Representatives,

My name is Reuben Hines and i have been a oregon citizen for my entire life, i have been a part of the hunting and fishing community for a majority of it and I write to strongly oppose House Bill 4145 for several critical reasons, all of which undermine the public interest, place an unnecessary strain on our already underfunded law enforcement, and create a significant bottleneck to the exercise of a constitutionally protected right—the Second Amendment.

The proposed bill stands in stark contrast to the interests of Oregonians, especially those who value their constitutional rights. The right to keep and bear arms is enshrined in the constitution, and this bill threatens to place burdensome and unnecessary restrictions on that right. By imposing excessive regulations and procedural hurdles, House Bill 4145 creates an environment where law-abiding citizens are unfairly penalized for exercising their constitutional freedoms. The bill does not address the root causes of crime or violence, but instead targets individuals who already follow the law, making it an ineffective and misplaced policy.

Oregon's law enforcement agencies are already working under significant financial constraints. Rather than focusing resources on addressing violent crime or other public safety concerns, HB 4145 demands law enforcement's attention to bureaucratic processes that divert crucial manpower and funding. With limited resources and personnel, it is unconscionable to place additional demands on law enforcement to enforce overly complicated and burdensome regulations. The focus should remain on public safety and crime prevention, not on creating an unnecessary administrative burden for law enforcement officers.

House Bill 4145 imposes unreasonable delays and hurdles in the process of exercising a fundamental right. The Second Amendment guarantees the right to bear arms, and any legislation that creates obstacles to that right goes against the core tenets of our Constitution. By forcing law-abiding citizens to endure prolonged waiting periods, excessive paperwork, and other red tape, this bill effectively creates a bottleneck for individuals who wish to exercise their legal rights. This is not only an inconvenience but an infringement on personal freedom and self-defense.

The behavior exhibited by some representatives supporting this bill is concerning. It appears that certain individuals within the legislature are using their position to coerce, threaten, or marginalize those who do not share their view. This is a clear

abuse of power and undermines the spirit of constructive debate and democratic representation. Legislators should prioritize the will and well-being of the people they represent, not push through divisive and harmful legislation in a manner that silences opposition. Such tactics create a toxic and unproductive atmosphere, making it difficult for genuine discourse and compromise to take place.

In conclusion, House Bill 4145 is detrimental to the interests of Oregonians. It undermines the right to bear arms, imposes unnecessary burdens on law enforcement, and creates a bottleneck that infringes on our constitutional rights. I urge the members of this committee to reject this bill in favor of policies that respect the rights of citizens and do not impose undue hardships on law enforcement or the public at large.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,  
Reuben Hines