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My name is Grant Moran, a software engineer in Sisters Oregon and I oppose this bill outright. This state has become tone deaf to the issues of the day and is trampling the constitutional rights of law abiding Oregonians at the expense of Oregon tax payers. I believe bills such as this are being introduced to effectively make firearms the "privilege" of some and not a right for all. It's discriminatory by nature. By increasing the fees it puts an unfair burden on less advantaged Oregonians to exercise their inalienable right. Additionally the systems to be developed to support the bill will create and result in warrantless surveillance database, and present a silo'd target for Oregonian's private information. Oregon has an extremely poor track record of keeping Oregonian data safe.

Current magazines are not large capacity, they are standard. The entire magazine portion of measure 114 and this bill should be completely tossed out. Affirmative defense is a perversion to justice, moving the burden of proof to the accused is not justice working well. It's the state breaching our right to fair due process and being innocent until proven guilty. That burden of proof should rest squarely with the state.

Finally, measure 114 and this bill allow state police and other authority to arbitrarily pick and choose who gets approved and who doesn't. I shouldn't have to explain why this is a poor way of doing things. Oregon is a shall issue state for things such as CHL permits. If law abiding Oregonians currently meet implemented criteria for a normal firearm purchase, why are our legislatures hell bent to turn Oregonian's inalienable rights into "wait and see" privileges? What does that achieve other than to introduce an option for bias and discrimination? This can't end well for our minority community members who are already witnessing attacks on their rights in other states. Why subject them to the possibility of discrimination and suppression of their fundamental rights here in Oregon?

There is nothing common sense about this HB or measure 114. Voters voted on Measure 114, the state shouldn't get to modify it with a HB of their own design because the measure was found to be flawed. unconstitutional, and predicated on foolish systems architecture for day to day operations. This HB as well as measure 114 should be scrapped entirely and be put back to the people for a vote. Oregon voters should decide these things, not Oregon legislators.