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On Behalf Of:
Committee: Senate Committee On Rules
Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB4145
To: Chair and Members of the Senate Rules Committee

From: William Sizemore

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Re: Opposition to HB 4145 – Firearm Permit and Magazine Restrictions

Chair Jama and Members of the Committee,

My name is William Sizemore, and I am a resident of Scappoose, Columbia County. I am writing today to express my strong opposition to House Bill 4145. While proponents may frame this as a technical update to Measure 114, it represents a significant and inequitable expansion of government overreach that disproportionately impacts law-abiding, low-income Oregonians.

I urge you to vote NO on HB 4145 for the following reasons:

Prohibitive Financial Barriers: This bill more than doubles the maximum permit fee from \$65 to \$150, with renewals jumping to \$110. For many working-class families and those on fixed incomes, these costs—combined with the mandatory training expenses—effectively turn a constitutional right into a luxury available only to the wealthy.

Unreasonable Delays: HB 4145 extends the timeline for law enforcement to issue or deny a permit from 30 days to 60 days. Doubling the wait time only serves to delay the ability of citizens to protect themselves, without providing any evidence that a longer wait improves public safety.

Inequitable Application of the Law: The bill creates a tiered system of citizenship by exempting active and retired law enforcement from the permit requirements and magazine capacity limits, even for personal and recreational use. If these restrictions are deemed necessary for public safety, they should apply equally to all citizens; creating "carve-outs" for specific groups is fundamentally unfair.

Due Process Concerns: The bill shifts the venue for all legal challenges to Marion County, creating a geographic and financial hurdle for Oregonians in rural or distant counties who wish to challenge the law's constitutionality.

HB 4145 does not address the root causes of violent crime. Instead, it creates expensive "hoops" for law-abiding citizens while failing to provide the infrastructure to navigate them. It punishes those who follow the rules while doing nothing to deter those who do not.

I respectfully ask that you protect the rights of all Oregonians and vote against the advancement of HB 4145.

Sincerely,

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