

Chair Senator Kayse Jama and Members of the Committee,

My name is Levi Short, and I am a resident of Toledo, Senate District 5. I am writing to express my firm opposition to HB 4145. This bill is not a "Technical fix" for Measure 114; it is a significant legislative rewrite that ignores the will of Oregon voters and places unconstitutional burdens on law-abiding citizens.

I urge you to vote NO for the following reasons:

- Excessive Financial Barriers: HB 4145 increases the initial permit fee from \$65 to \$150 and renewals from \$50 to \$110. This 130% increase turns a constitutional right into a privilege for the wealthy, disproportionately harming low-income Oregonians who may need a firearm for self-defense.

- Unreasonable Processing Delays: The bill doubles the time authorities have to issue or deny a permit from 30 days to 60 days. For someone escaping an abusive situation, a two-month delay on their "permission slip" for protection could be a death sentence. This bill effectively tells survivors of abuse that their safety is less important than administrative convenience. We should not be creating a waiting period for safety that puts lives at risk to do it the legal way. I can only imagine this will put more survivors to lean on obtaining that right the incorrect way to stay safe.

- Creation of a Privilege Class: By exempting active and retired law enforcement from the very restrictions forced upon the public, this bill creates a two-tiered system of citizenship that is fundamentally unfair and unjust. Constitutional rights should not depend on your former employer or your status with the state. The legislator is admitting that these tools are necessary for defense, but is choosing to deny that same defense to everyone except a favored few

- Judicial Venue-Shopping: HB 4145 requires all future legal challenges to be heard exclusively in Marion County. For those of us in Toledo, having to travel to Marion County just to defend our rights adds a massive financial burden that our urban neighbors don't face.

(See the 14th Amendment: Violation of "Due Process")

(See The Oregon Constitution Article 1, Section 10: Right of Access to courts)

- Premature Implementation: It is fiscally irresponsible to entrench these new regulations while Measure 114 is still facing constitutional challenges in the supreme court.

HB 4145 prioritizes red tape over real public safety. I respectfully ask that you protect the rights of your constituents and reject this measure.

Sincerely,

Levi Short  
Toledo, Oregon