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The Oregon Legislature should be ashamed to even be considering this bill. BM114 is sitting before a very skeptic Oregon Supreme Court awaiting a decision on its constitutionality. A wise court asked the question: what other RIGHT requires a citizen to obtain a permit, pay a fee, and be fingerprinted and subjected to arbitrary approvals in order to exercise their RIGHT? If the RULES committee in all their wisdom can answer that question, it would be of most useful help to us mere citizens in understanding why our 2A RIGHT is being subjected to the illegal stipulations of HB-4145. Please enlighten us.

What's the rush? Let the Supreme Court decide, and if BM114 is truly valid, you can address it in a regular session in 2027, while appeals continue to SCOTUS.

This bill, which has overwhelming testimony in opposition (see House Judiciary) makes BM 114 even worse than it already is. The sponsors of BM114, who claimed to have a perfect answer, didn't set fees this high or permit times so long. Why is the Legislature trying to impose higher fees and longer wait times than the most perfect proponents who claimed to have God on their side. Did they lie? Sure looks like it.

The higher fees and fiscal impact of this bill should demand that it be referred to the Committee on Ways and Means. The fees are basically a tax. The Oregon State Police isn't doing this extra work for free. It requires many FTE positions and associated costs for programming and much more. The Legislature MUST NOT sweep the cost under the rug. It demands a referral.

The current background check system works just fine, even when it's a pain in the ass. The extraordinary requirements and fees of HB4145 push things over the limit, and for what?

Felons commit crimes with guns everyday, and even when caught, nothing special happens. Felons and gang members don't bother with background checks and permits. It's a joke to expect they give a rip about HB4145. This bill does nothing for public safety and only strips 2A Rights from honest, law abiding Oregon citizens.

If you want to be of most helpful service to the citizens of Oregon you will bury this bill.

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