

Submitter: Justin Jones
On Behalf Of: 2nd Amendment
Committee: Senate Committee On Rules
Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB4145

Dear Chair Prozanski and Members of the Senate Committee on Rules,
My name is Dr. Justin Jones, a resident of Roseburg, Oregon. As a law-abiding citizen and strong supporter of constitutional rights, I urge you to vote NO on HB 4145 A. This bill, which claims to “fix” Ballot Measure 114 (2022), does nothing to address the measure’s fundamental unconstitutionality. Instead, it delays and modifies an inherently flawed system that infringes on the Second Amendment rights of Oregonians.

The Second Amendment to the United States Constitution states: “A well regulated Militia, being necessary to the security of a free State, the right of the people to keep and bear Arms, shall not be infringed.” The word “shall” is imperative—it means this right is absolute and cannot be conditioned on government permission slips, fees, or bureaucratic hurdles. HB 4145 A perpetuates M114’s permit-to-purchase requirement, pushing it to 2028 while raising fees to \$150, extending timelines to 60 days, and creating disqualifications for minor misdemeanors. These changes don’t cure the infringement; they entrench it. Delaying an unconstitutional policy doesn’t make it constitutional—it’s still a prior restraint on a core right.

The U.S. Supreme Court’s decision in *New York State Rifle & Pistol Ass’n v. Bruen* (2022) made clear that gun regulations must align with historical traditions of firearm regulation. There is no historical analogue for requiring permits to merely purchase a firearm, as M114 and this bill demand. Lower courts have upheld similar laws temporarily, but Oregon’s own case on M114 remains pending before the Oregon Supreme Court after the Court of Appeals’ 2025 reversal. Federally, the Ninth Circuit case is on hold amid appeals to the U.S. Supreme Court in related matters like *Duncan v. Bonta* (2025). Passing HB 4145 A now ignores these uncertainties and risks further costly litigation.

Sponsors argue this bill “fixes” M114 to make it workable, but no amount of tweaks can legitimize a system that treats self-defense as a privilege rather than a right. It creates two classes of citizens—exempting peace officers while burdening everyday Oregonians—and could lead to a de facto registry via the Law Enforcement Data System. This echoes overreaches in other recent Oregon legislation, like SB 1598 (2026), which grants sweeping powers to the Public Health Officer to issue standing orders and mandate insurance coverage for health interventions, potentially overriding individual freedoms under the guise of public safety. Oregon should not continue down this path of eroding rights across multiple domains.

HB 4145 A won’t reduce crime—it targets the law-abiding while criminals ignore laws. I implore you to reject this bill and respect the Constitution. Vote NO on HB 4145 A. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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