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On Behalf Of:
Committee: Senate Committee On Rules
Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB4145

I write in opposition to HB 4145A.

Article 1, Section 27, of the Oregon Constitution is as follows: "The people shall have the right to bear arms for the defense [sic] of themselves, and the State, but the Military shall be kept in strict subordination to the civil power."

The Second Amendment of the US Constitution is as follows: "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."

Every provision of HB 4145 infringes on the right of Oregonians to keep and bear arms. Oregon already has an instant background check that is required for every transfer of a firearm in Oregon, with few exceptions. (Transfers between immediate family members are exempt from the instant background check.)

Many people collect firearms the same way that people collect coins and other items. The 10-round magazine limit in HB 4145A impedes a collector's ability to have magazines that are time period appropriate for the firearms they collect. There are some firearms that have never been manufactured to accept low-capacity magazines.

The cost of the training class and the permit to purchase imposes an excessive financial burden on individuals and families. Many individuals and families rely on firearms to defend their families and for putting meat for their freezers.

HB 4145A will not change crime rates or suicide rates. Criminals, by definition, don't follow the law. Anyone who truly wants to commit suicide will find a means to do so. I know two people who committed suicide with carbon monoxide, not a firearm.

HB 4145A will only add undue burden to law abiding Oregonians; law abiding Oregonians who are not the problem.

I urge you to oppose HB 4145A.