

Submitter: Zachary Snyder

On Behalf Of:

Committee: Senate Committee On Rules

Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB4145

Dear members of the Senate Committee On Rules,

I am writing to express my extreme concern with House Bill 4145. Beyond the unconstitutionality of the original Measure 114 on which this bill is based, it would newly create a database at both the state and federal level of Oregonians who hold a permit to purchase a firearm. This type of database may put the most vulnerable demographics of Oregonians at risk of harassment from their government. At a time when masked federal agents are swarming our streets and skies here in Portland, a database of Oregonians who lawfully hold a permit to purchase firearms seems very easy to abuse.

On top of this, HB4145 exempts active (and even retired) law enforcement officials from obtaining a permit or being entered in the database of permit holders--this applies to their personal firearm purchases! Why should everyday Oregonians be subject to a level of scrutiny not even applied to law enforcement itself when off-duty?

Lastly, this bill would increase the cost of acquiring a permit, potentially pricing low-income Oregonians out of their constitutional right to self-protection.

While public safety is vitally important, this is the wrong way to go about it. Please vote NO on HB4145. Thank you very much for your service.

Sincerely,

Zachary N. Snyder