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On Behalf Of: State of Oregon's Rules
Committee: Senate Committee On Rules
Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB4145
Greeting's Rules Committee;

I strongly oppose HB 4145 on it's face, and on it's merits. For this case, just the rules alone should deny HB 4145 from continuing.

HB 4145 is a mess and making a bigger mess all along the way. To start with, no one was allowed to register to provide testimony until only couple hours prior to the hearing. This was deliberate to keep people from speaking. Everyone was shut out in order to keep folks speaking from being so much and undermining democracy, denying democracy really. This was Rep Jason Kropf doing as he pushed the bill, still having all sorts of grammar mistakes, only to shove it through even with all the mistakes, cutting corners and leaving people out.

During committee on Monday February 16th, during voting, Rep. Tran had voting "Nah" to advance the bill to the floor due to concerns of Federal Government overreach of FBI having firearms registry, which they will be making and no, FBI will not destroy anything. Oregon gives the FBI background checks, FBI will keep it. And if ICE wants to know, FBI will hand over whatever to ICE. This was Rep Tran's concerns. When the voting came to Kropf, he called recess while voting was going on. It was 15 minutes later that Tran came back, shaken and practically nearly if not in tears for a moment. This is abuse. This is harassment. Even the Oregonian took statement from Rep Tran that Kropf is known to make the workplace hostile. I know of this incident because I was at the hearing in the front row.

A complaint Rule 27 was filed, not once, by twice. Both times were dismissed within hours from being filed even though the complaints included the moment of harassment and how distraught Rep Tran had been. In learning that, it's interesting that the Intendent Investigator, Rep Kropf and Fahey are on first name basis.

It is no wonder why, in part, that citizens have no trust with Oregon reps or even senators. There's reps who break the rules, harass colleagues, deceive and mislead voters. This is not democracy, this is tyranny by authoritarian base. Democracy denied.

Tony