

Re: Opposition to HB 4145

Oregon Legislative Assembly – Regular Session 2026

Dear Chair and Members of the Committee,

I respectfully submit this testimony in opposition to HB 4145.

While I support thoughtful efforts to improve public safety, this bill raises concerns about effectiveness, implementation, and constitutional risk—especially given the ongoing challenges surrounding Measure 114.

Key concerns include:

- **Implementation problems remain unresolved.** Measure 114 has already faced legal challenges and administrative backlogs. Adding further regulation before existing systems are fully functional risks confusion, unequal application, and additional strain on law enforcement agencies.
- **Limited evidence of added effectiveness.** National policy reviews show mixed or inconclusive evidence for certain firearm restrictions in reducing violent crime. Public safety policy should prioritize strategies with demonstrated outcomes.
- **No grandfather provision for lawfully purchased items.** The bill appears to provide no protection for individuals who legally purchased magazines or other now-restricted items after Measure 114 passed in 2022 and prior to further restrictions taking effect. Without a clear grandfather clause, items acquired in full compliance with state law could suddenly become illegal, creating fairness concerns and exposing otherwise law-abiding citizens to criminal liability.
- **Risk of costly litigation.** The legal landscape surrounding firearm regulation continues to evolve. Additional legislation may lead to prolonged court challenges, increasing costs to the state without clear public safety gains.
- **Focus should be on root causes.** Evidence supports investment in mental health services, crisis intervention, and community violence prevention programs as more direct ways to reduce harm.

For these reasons, I respectfully urge you to oppose HB 4145 and instead focus on policies that are evidence-based, implementable, and constitutionally durable.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,
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