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On Behalf Of: Columbia River Firearms Training
Committee: Senate Committee On Rules
Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB4145

I strongly oppose HB 4145. While presented as implementation of a voter-approved measure, this bill makes significant changes that voters never authorized.

HB 4145 doubles the permit processing time from 30 to 60 days and raises the fee from \$65 to \$150—an increase of more than 130%. These changes create unnecessary delays and financial barriers for law-abiding citizens exercising a constitutional right.

Additionally, given the controversy surrounding Jason Kropf and the broader concerns about how this process has been handled, this legislation should not have moved forward in its current form. Public trust in the legislative process depends on transparency and fairness—both of which have been called into question. Voters approved a specific measure, not a rewritten version with higher costs, longer delays, special carve-outs, and a delayed implementation pushed to January 2028. HB 4145 exceeds voter intent and should be rejected.