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To: Senate Rules Committee

I ask for your NO vote on HB4145.

Stop HB4145. It is wrong for Oregon. It is wrong for Oregonians.

Below are specific issues with HB4145.

- HB4145 is not about saving lives. HB4145 is clearly about removing Oregonian's right to self-defense. HB4145 ONLY impacts law abiding citizens.
- OSSA is a leading supporter of suicide prevention measures. HB4145 makes NO impact on Oregon's suicide crisis. If HB4145 were about saving lives, suicide prevention, meaning mental health aid prior to suicidal incidents, would be the action this body should pursue.
- HB4145 makes exercising your constitutional rights only for those that can afford it. HB4145 increases fees (\$65-\$150, +130%). This is a tax on constitutional rights.
- HB4145 increases the time to exercise one's constitutional rights from days to months. This removes one's right to self-defense. This is in direct conflict with the Oregon and US Constitutions.
- This is no longer a 'Shall' issue permit with the clause that it may be denied based on a subjective ruling, without adjudication, by the issuing authority. This has considerable case law showing it is unconstitutional.
- HB4145 installs additional registries of gun owners that can be misused or breached, which is also direct violation of federal law.
- HB4145 seeks to manipulate the judicial system by requiring all legal challenges to be completed through Marion Circuit Court. This means the law is so wrong that the authors know it will not survive legal challenges outside of their home court. This deprives Oregonians of their right to justice.
- The inclusion of the emergency clause serves only to maliciously remove Oregonians' right to vote on this key issue. This is not serving Oregonians; this is ruling Oregonian's.
- The date change for implementation of BM114 to January 1, 2028, is the only logical provision of HB4145, as the state is not prepared to implement BM114.

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