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On Behalf Of:
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Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB4145

I am testifying in support of HB 4145. It deserves your support because it honors the will of Oregon voters who passed Measure 114 in 2022 and ensures those life-saving policies can be implemented effectively and responsibly.

This bill provides clear, practical guidance to state agencies and law enforcement so they can carry out the law as intended - consistently, fairly, and with public safety as the top priority. There are five key fixes in this bill.

HB 4145: Five Key Fixes

1. New Permit Start Date - January 1, 2028
Provides time to build and fully implement the permit-to-purchase system, including staffing, training, databases, application portals, and appeals processes.
2. Exclusive Judicial Review in Marion County
Ensures consistent legal interpretation, reduces conflicting rulings, and improves statewide clarity and efficiency.
3. Extend Review Timeline from 30 to 60 Days
Prioritizes accuracy over speed, allowing permit agents to complete thorough background checks and avoid errors or unnecessary appeals.
4. Increase Permit Application and Renewal Fees
Creates a self-sustaining program with stable funding for staff, background checks, training, and system operations.
5. Allow OSP to Code Background Checks as Disqualified if Information Is missing
Prevents approvals based on incomplete records and ensures permits are issued only when eligibility is clearly confirmed.

By addressing implementation gaps and technical barriers, HB 4145 helps move Measure 114 from principle to practice, strengthening our gun safety framework while respecting constitutional rights. Passing HB 4145 is a necessary step to fully realize the voter-approved protections Oregonians overwhelmingly asked for.

This committee has already shown leadership on these issues, and I ask that you continue that work by moving HB 4145 forward without delay. Passing this bill will help ensure a safer future for our state and our families. Thank you for our service and consideration.