

Submitter:

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On Behalf Of:

Committee:

Senate Committee On Rules

Measure, Appointment or Topic:

HB4145

Hello,

I oppose HB 4145. Not only does this bill introduce a higher fee for Oregonians to practice their 2nd Amendment right, but it also creates a special class (i.e. Law enforcement-active or retired) of Oregonians that are fully excluded from the proposed permit system. In addition to creating special classes of Oregonians, it increases the permit approval time from 30-60 days, which is an attempt to delay someone's 2nd Amendment right. This bill is simply a method to delay and deny Oregonians from procuring firearms for their self defense or recreation, by creating a financial barrier of entry and by potentially allowing prejudice to permeate the access to an unalienable right. This bill will affect all marginalized peoples that purchase firearms to feel safer in their communities and while traveling within Oregon. I myself am a person of color and take great pride in my heritage. I carry a firearm to feel safe as I travel a lot for work. I travel to remote areas where I may be the only person of color. My wife does the same when she has to travel by herself. I implore you to vote NO on HB4145. Do not steal someone else's ability to feel safe.

Regards,

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