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Chair Jama, Vice–Chair Starr, & Members of the Senate Committee On Rules

Subject: Opposition to 2026 HB 4145

Thank you for the opportunity to submit written testimony.

Here we go again. This is mostly the same as testimony that I submitted when the bill was in the House, but is updated and expanded to include reference to current events.

I oppose this bill, and I encourage you to kill it in Committee. If not there- please oppose it with your floor vote.

The reasons are many to kill, or at least slow your roll on, this bill. Here are but a few:

1. NEW... In case you are not aware of what has been going on in Mexico, specifically in the State of Jalisco and Puerto Vallarta- a crime cartel reacted to the recent death of their kingpin boss as a result of a raid by Mexican federal authorities. They blocked roads, burned vehicles, and committed other terroristic acts. Is this just an isolated tantrum? Is it the lull before a "storm"? Who among us knows? Regardless of that, a citizenry that is informed, vigilant, and prepared has a better chance of fending off criminals who are bent on not just acting with impunity, but exerting control over the populace and visitors. I suggest to you that part of citizen preparedness is for people, if willing and motivated, to possess and maintain at the ready effective means to defend themselves, their families, their nation, and their state. The first thing that comes to my mind is firearms, magazines, and ammunition of types that can be used effectively against such threats as the transnational criminal organizations. They have flocked to the state of Oregon, and they operate with relative impunity. I submit that they are here in large part due to interpretation and application of Oregon's sanctuary laws, which I see this as suicidal empathy put in to practice.
2. The issue of the constitutionality (that's the Oregon state Constitution) of Measure 114 is currently before the Oregon Supreme Court. As articulated earlier by Rep. Boshart Davis- "HB 4145 bill resurrects the failed framework of Measure 114, creating the same operational problems and constitutional concerns without

delivering meaningful public safety improvements."

3. The bill as introduced (and its process) is already chock full of dirty tricks, including a) little time for the public to submit testimony; b) if passed; challenges must be brought in Marion County, and the state AG must be brought in; and c) much-abused Emergency Clause.

4. The bill exempts retired law enforcement from the 10-round magazine limit, creating a two-tiered system where former officers have access to items denied to others. Q: Since when may the Oregon State Legislature grant special privilege to any class of people? A: Since NEVER.

5. The bill would require every firearm purchaser to obtain a permit from their local police chief or sheriff. Counties and other local jurisdictions should not be burdened with the tasks that would be required by the bill- especially without providing funding and adequate time to design processes, implement systems, and staff up. No unfunded mandates.

6. Arguably, the bill would provide little or no public safety gains.

7. The bill requires firearm safety training. There are no standards. (See number 4 above re: funding and time.)

I will stop there.

Again, I oppose this bill, and encourage you to kill it.

Thank you.

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