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As a leftist, a registered Democrat, and lawful firearm owner, I strongly oppose this measure. Broadly, there is no concrete evidence to suggest that legislation such as this and others of its kind have any measurable and consistent effect on the reduction of firearm related crime, injury, and/or death.

Specifically, however, my opposition to this measure is thus:

-Increasing the permit fee will alienate low-income individuals from being reasonably able to exercise their Constitutionally protected 2nd Amendment rights. This creates a class of citizen that will in effect not be allowed to exercise this right.

-Exempting law enforcement from these rules effectively creates a class of individual that is protected by, but not bound to, these laws. This disparity again affects low-income individuals who wish to be reasonably able to exercise their Constitutionally protected 2nd Amendment rights. In addition, this creates an inherent disparity in how certain individuals will be treated, widening an already monumental rift in public relation between law enforcement and the common civilian.

-Extending the permit wait time does nothing but create unnecessary delay and waste the time and resources of both elected and civil officials. This increase in delay will also most certainly be used against a certain class of individual to facilitate a denial of reasonable exercise of their Constitutionally protected 2nd Amendment rights.

In a time where the rights of American citizens are constantly under attack by a Presidential administration that has shown blatant disregard for such, it is unconscionable to deprive Oregonians (left, right, and center) of one of the cornerstone rights of this country and her citizens. I vehemently oppose this measure simply because it solves nothing. In fact, it will almost certainly create more problems than it could ever solve.

Regardless of my own political position or party affiliation, I stand for the 2nd Amendment rights of all Oregon residents.