

Submitter: Gretchen Bates
On Behalf Of:
Committee: Senate Committee On Rules
Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB4145

Dear Senate Rules Committee-

I am writing to strenuously object to HB 4145 that would modify the “permit to purchase” system vaguely outline in Ballot Measure 114. I urge you to vote NO.

1. Ballot Measure 114 itself barely based in 2022, with around 51% of the vote. Its Constitutionality is unclear and it is still in the court system today. It may never be implemented.
2. The proposed modifications- including more than doubling the permit processing time - clearly illustrates that the system designed was always infeasible.
3. The provision that would preclude bringing legal challenges in any court other than Marion Circuit is so outrageous that it's laughable any legislators could put it forth in good conscience.
4. The emergency clause preventing a citizen vote is cynicism at its finest. You know Oregonians would vote this down.

For these reasons, this Harney County resident urges a NO vote.