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I am opposition to HB 4145 because we cannot keep passing laws that only burden law-abiding Oregonians while doing nothing to stop criminals.

HB 4145 raises fees, doubles permit timelines, and expands government control over people who are already following the rules. Meanwhile, it does nothing to deter those who ignore the law entirely.

This bill also clearly acknowledges ongoing court proceedings regarding Oregon Ballot Measure 114. If the Legislature does not want to interfere with those proceedings, then why are we moving forward before the Oregon Supreme Court has ruled? We should allow the judicial process to play out rather than inserting yourselves into matters currently before the courts.

Additionally, HB 4145 limits legal challenges to Marion County. Oregon has 27 circuit courts. If i believe my constitutional rights are being violated, why should I be forced to travel hundreds of miles to challenge that law? Every Oregonian should have access to their local court system.

This is about constitutional process, separation of powers, and fairness to the people.

We need policies that address criminals, not more barriers for responsible citizens exercising their constitutional rights.