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

Dear Chair and Members of the Committee,

I am writing in strong support of House Bill 4145.

This bill makes important and practical updates to the implementation of Measure 114 in a way that better balances public safety with fairness and accountability. By clarifying how firearm permit-to-purchase requirements will function and improving administrative processes, HB 4145 helps ensure that the law works as intended for all Oregonians.

One key strength of HB 4145 is that it extends clear timelines and procedures for processing firearm purchase permits, providing certainty for applicants and law enforcement alike. Increasing the time for permit issuance to 60 days allows responsible agencies the breathing room they need to run thorough background checks and avoid rushed decisions that could compromise public safety.

The bill also enhances protection of personal information gathered during the permit and background check process by explicitly exempting it from public records disclosure. This is a critical privacy safeguard that respects lawful gun owners while protecting sensitive data.

Furthermore, HB 4145 includes alternative options for satisfying the firearm safety training requirement, ensuring that permit applicants have reasonable and flexible ways to meet this important public safety standard. This approach encourages safe and educated firearm ownership without unnecessary barriers.

Finally, by providing clarity about where challenges to the law's legality should be filed and setting effective dates appropriately, this bill helps resolve long-standing legal uncertainty surrounding Measure 114. This fosters stability in our legal system and reduces confusion for residents and law enforcement alike. ?

For these reasons, I strongly urge a "YES" vote on HB 4145. This bill promotes responsible firearm regulation, enhances administrative fairness, and protects both community safety and individual rights.

Thank you for your time and consideration.