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My name is John Webb, and I have been a resident of Astoria, Oregon for 60 years. I would like to state that I am adamantly opposed to HB4145. The Authoritarian way in which this bill would affect law abiding Oregonians, is unconstitutional, and will cost the State, and It's citizens millions in litigation. I, and many others, take offense that Oregon is going to spend a lot of tax dollars, that could be spent on more urgent needs, to defend something that ultimately, will probably be declared unconstitutional. Using the, "Emergency Clause", to thwart the will of the people is becoming the new norm, The legislature really needs to spend some quality time re-defining, what constitutes an, "Emergency". Instead of using it as a smokescreen to bypass the will of the people. We should get a choice, by voting on this! Litigation, concerning this bill can only happen in Marion County. You have got to be kidding Me! Are the authors of this," Bill", and I am using that term loosely, so arrogant that They thought They could do anything to It's residents? Unfortunately, for all Oregonians this bill is just one symptom of a very sick means of governance. Proposed ban on hunting, fishing, ranching. An additional tax on fuel, again put forwarded, as, "Emergency", legislation. Raising State income tax thresholds, as a money grab from Oregonians, that could really use the benefits of Federal Tax refunds. Not passing safeguards prohibiting where needles for illegal narcotics can be distributed in Portland. These types of legislation have really went outside of the realm of common sense. I personally am wondering if a lot of Oregon's leaders are that out of touch with the residents, or if They just don't care. Either way, this is not good. I think that come November that there may be a record voter turnout, as, so many people are going to be negatively impacted, by a lot of these political shenanigans. I think a line has been crossed, and the consequences for some of Oregon's leaders may not be good. Thank You for this opportunity to say My piece, I just hope that Someone, Who gets to vote on some of this legislation, may actually read this, instead of it being in a stack of paper 3' tall at a Senate hearing, Sincerely, John R. Webb.