

To: Oregon Senate Rules Committee

Chair Jama, Vice Chair Star and members of the Senate Rules Committee

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My name is Liz McKanna. I strongly support HB 4145 and urge this committee to pass it on the full Senate floor for a vote so it will be in place when the stay is lifted on Measure 114.

I have worked with Lift Every Voice Oregon (LEVO) and was involved in the drafting of M114 and many other aspects of its passage, as well as carefully reviewing the updates included in HB 4145.

I am speaking today on behalf of myself and our Chief Petitioners and the thousands of volunteers who worked to place Measure 114 on the ballot. Rev. Dr. Mark Knutson, the Chair of LEVO and also a Chief Petitioner, was not able to make the hearing due to many commitments including those at Augustana Lutheran (where he serves as the Pastor). He asked me to share some of his support of the bill He wants the Committee to keep at the forefront the that fact that

“the no. 1 cause of death in this nation among children and youth is gun violence. Just a single gunshot wound does not only cause a physical injury but also a spiritual injury – causing people to wonder why someone would shoot another person. Gunshot injuries and deaths also cause emotional damage and social damage, to the community as a whole.” He speaks for the entire LEVO team in saying “we want Measure 114 implemented as soon as the court rules.”

While we understand that implementation has been delayed due to the court proceedings, there should be no further unnecessary delay. HB 4145 should be passed this session, before the Oregon Supreme Court rules for several reasons:

1. To wait until 2027 or later to make the suggested changes now in HB 4145 will result in unnecessary and unjustified delay of the of protections in Measure 114 that Oregonians voted into place in 2022.
2. HB 4145 provides useful enhancements designed to be in place before the court rules, because they address some issues that have arisen as a result of the judicial delays.

3. HB 4145 refines and provides more detail about how the permit system would function at the time it is put in practice.

Here are some of the specific changes that specifically support the need to pass HB 4145 this session:

* **No Retroactivity:** HB 4145 clarifies that violations of the large capacity magazine ban occurring during the judicial delay and before the court rules will not result in a criminal charge; (SEC. 11a)

* **Privacy of Records:** HB 4145 will ensure that the procedure being developed for permit applications will not allow personal applicant information to be subject to public record requests;

* **Delay of Permit Requirement to Finalize Procedures:** HB 4145 provides additional time solely for the permit-to-purchase requirement to take effect to ensure the procedures for issuing permits are adequately funded and ready to function smoothly once the Oregon court proceedings conclude; the bill also makes sure that it doesn't delay the other lifesaving provisions of Measure 114 from taking effect promptly upon the court lifting the stay;

* **Equitable Administration:** HB 4145 specifies that additional information such as race and gender will be collected for inclusion in the annual report on permit denials, to more effectively monitor and comply with Measure 114's requirement to administer the process in a fair and equitable manner.

* **Consistent Court Processing:** HB 4145 designates just one jurisdiction for filing court challenges based on the legality of any provision, which will enable efficient and consistent management and resolution of those cases (Individual appeals of a permit denial or unlawful possession of a large-capacity magazine will be handled by the local county court, unless the individual is claiming the law itself is illegal).

There are also other modest changes that make passage of this bill important at this time. HB 4145 is a logical and helpful extension of Measure 114, which reflected the voters' choice for evidence-based gun safety. It was described succinctly by Rep. Sarah Finger McDonald who stated that HB 4145 "ensures Measure 114 is implemented in a clear and effective way that prioritizes public safety and respects due process," Her colleague, Rep. Dacia Graybar, reminded us

why this bill must pass now and not be plagued by further delay: “This bill is about respecting that vote and doing the work to make lifesaving policies real, ensuring more communities feel safe, and fewer families suffer the unimaginable tragedy of gun violence.”

HB 4145 must be passed this session, so we are ready to proceed when the stay is lifted. Please move it out of the Rules Committee at the earliest opportunity.

Thank you.