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On Behalf Of: Safety for disabled and poor of Oregon  
Committee: Senate Committee On Rules  
Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB4145

My name is Justin Chapman, I would like to thank you for taking the time to read this. I am a registered Independent, typically left leaning on most issues. The 2nd amendment is not one of them. I feel this is a right of all citizens, irrelevant of party affiliation and considering I personally know just as many Democrats as I do Republicans that have firearms (and more so democrat when it comes to the women I know that have pistols for self protection). This solidifies my opinion on that, and I feel we need to do away with the stigma that our citizens that lean left don't support the 2nd amendment. That being said, I would like to point out HB4145 is a failure to the fine citizens of Oregon. First, it is a pay to play bill that restricts the rights of the poor people in our state by limiting freedom with financial burden adding, costs that would prevent people from protecting themselves, and potentially making them victims. Secondly, it adds extra hoops to jump through for the physically disabled, in turn limiting their rights as well. Some people, with limited mobility, for example like our elderly should still have the right to protect themselves. Thirdly, jeopardizing our personal information by having it go through the federal government is very concerning. Then there is the fact I absolutely do not agree with the idea that someone is limited to protecting themselves with under 10 rounds. Our law enforcement officers do not carry firearms for our protection, they carry them for theirs and they carry pistols that hold on average 17 rounds, so why should we as people be limited on the ability to protect ourselves. For example if my daughter were to be caught in an unfortunate event with someone trying to do her harm, as it is common for criminals to be high on amphetamines, as her father, I would not want her to be stuck with a revolver that only has 6 rounds, and takes a long time to reload. I would want her to have what our police carry, a defense pistol like a Glock 17, that comes with a magazine capacity of 17 rounds. Because in dangerous situations, every round matters as our lives are more important than the idealism that 10 is the magic number. I would also like to touch on the topic of suicide, as I see that is a concern in this bill. Over the years, I have had all too many people in my life take their lives, it is extremely sad and hurts everyone that loves them. This is a real concern, but the problem is if someone wants to end it, they will find a means no matter what, whether it's a rope, knife, pills, or stepping into traffic. So that being said, I feel limiting people's ability to defend themselves as a bandaid to a mental health issue just wrong. Please do what's right, throw this bill out and create one that actually helps all citizens in Oregon. Things to consider, a 7 day wait period, a 1.5% tax on ammunition directly for mental health and suicide prevention (and actually use it for mental health and not lining pockets), and leave pay to play permits, magazine capacities, and giving our personal information to the federal government (we already have the fine officers in the state police doing an excellent job) out of these

types of bills. A lot of us are not opposed to a progressive outlook on what we can do to make sensitive subjects like this work for everyone, we do want our society safer, and would like to find a happy ground, meet in the middle, HB4145 does not do that.

Side note, I am disgusted with Rep. Kropf treatment towards Rep. Tran, there is no place for intimidation, threats or verbal abuse towards the people that represent us because of a disagreement of opinion on a HB, as this is very degrading to women also and sets a poor example. There needs to be repercussions for his actions.

Once again, thank you for taking the time to read this, even if it is just one opinion.

-Justin Chapman