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On Behalf Of:

Committee: House Committee On Judiciary

Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB3075

I am writing today to express my strong opposition to HB 3075. This bill imposes unnecessary financial and legal burdens on law-abiding Oregonians, disproportionately impacting lower-income individuals, single parents, and rural communities.

The proposed \$160 fee is a direct barrier to self-defense for those who need it most. Many working-class families, particularly single mothers, already struggle to afford basic necessities. For them, this additional cost forces an impossible choice between providing for their children or ensuring their safety. I for one would not want my daughter to have to choose between providing for or protecting her family. No Oregonian should have to make that decision.

Additionally, the retroactive enforcement of this measure raises serious legal concerns. Ex post facto laws—laws that apply penalties to actions that were legal at the time they were committed—are unconstitutional. Implementing this measure in such a manner is not only legally questionable but fundamentally unjust.

Another troubling aspect of this bill is its restriction on legal challenges to Marion County, creating an undue burden for residents in rural and eastern Oregon. Access to the courts should be fair and reasonable for all citizens, not limited by geographic or financial constraints. This provision effectively silences voices from communities that will be most affected by the law.

The fiscal impact of this measure is also deeply concerning. The cost of implementation was estimated at \$50 million in 2022, and given rising expenses, that number is likely far higher today. This is an irresponsible use of taxpayer dollars for a law that will disproportionately harm everyday citizens while doing little to enhance public safety.

I urge you to reject HB 3075. This bill is not only financially burdensome and legally questionable but also an attack on the rights of responsible Oregonians. Please consider the real-world consequences this legislation will have on families, particularly those already struggling to make ends meet.

Thank you for your time and consideration