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I am writing to express my strong opposition to Oregon House Bill 3075, which proposes significant changes to the firearm permitting process. While the bill is presented as a measure to enhance public safety, it introduces numerous challenges that disproportionately affect law-abiding citizens without effectively addressing criminal behavior. Below are the key reasons for my opposition:

Unclear and Unfunded Implementation HB 3075 mandates a permit-to-purchase system but fails to outline a clear and functional process for implementation. Local law enforcement agencies, already stretched thin, would be burdened with additional responsibilities without receiving the necessary funding or resources. This lack of preparation will lead to delays, confusion, and inefficiencies.

Financial and Procedural Barriers The bill increases permit application fees to \$150 for new applicants and \$110 for renewals, creating a financial burden for many Oregonians, particularly those in rural areas or with limited incomes. Additionally, extending the permit processing period from 30 to 60 days imposes unnecessary delays, leaving individuals defenseless in urgent situations.

Potential for Abuse and Lack of Accountability HB 3075 grants broad discretion to agencies in processing permits, with no safeguards to ensure fairness or efficiency. This opens the door to arbitrary denials and prolonged delays, with little recourse for applicants. Such unchecked authority undermines trust in the permitting process.

Privacy Concerns The bill requires the retention of permit records, effectively creating a government database of firearm owners. This raises significant privacy concerns and the potential for misuse of this information in the future.

Ineffectiveness in Addressing Criminal Behavior Criminals, by definition, do not adhere to legal processes. HB 3075 focuses on regulating lawful firearm transactions while doing little to address the illegal pathways through which most firearms used in crimes are obtained. This misdirected effort penalizes responsible gun owners without enhancing public safety.

In conclusion, HB 3075 imposes unnecessary barriers on law-abiding citizens while failing to achieve its stated goal of reducing gun violence. I urge the committee to reject this bill and instead focus on measures that target criminal behavior without infringing on the rights of responsible Oregonians.

Thank you for considering my testimony.