

Oregon's HB 3075, while framed as a refinement of Ballot Measure 114, introduces burdensome restrictions on law-abiding citizens and undermines fundamental rights without clear evidence of improving public safety. This bill should be opposed for several key reasons.

First, the extension of the permit processing timeline from 30 to 60 days, coupled with increased fees (\$150 for initial applications and \$110 for renewals), places an unnecessary financial and logistical strain on individuals seeking to exercise their Second Amendment rights. These changes disproportionately affect low-income Oregonians, effectively pricing some out of their constitutional protections. The permit process, already a hurdle, becomes even more daunting without proof that such delays and costs reduce crime.

Second, the ban on magazines holding more than 10 rounds is an arbitrary restriction that ignores practical realities. Standard-capacity magazines—often mislabeled as "large-capacity"—are widely used for self-defense, sport shooting, and hunting. Criminals, who rarely comply with laws, are unlikely to be deterred by this prohibition, while law-abiding citizens are left with reduced means to protect themselves. Studies, such as those from the National Institute of Justice, have shown no conclusive link between magazine capacity limits and reduced gun violence, casting doubt on the measure's effectiveness.

Third, delaying the permit requirement for firearm transfers until 2026, while offering temporary and permanent exemptions for certain groups, creates a confusing patchwork of rules. This inconsistency erodes equal application of the law and risks penalizing those unaware of the shifting deadlines. The emergency clause, rushing the bill into effect, further limits public debate and scrutiny—hardly a democratic approach to such a divisive issue.

Finally, funneling legal challenges to Marion County Circuit Court restricts access to justice for residents across Oregon's diverse regions. This centralization could overwhelm a single court and disadvantage those far from the capital, stifling legitimate opposition.

HB 3075 overcomplicates an already stringent system, infringes on individual freedoms, and fails to address root causes of violence. Oregonians deserve policies grounded in evidence and fairness, not knee-jerk measures that punish the compliant while criminals remain undeterred. This bill should be rejected in favor of solutions that respect rights and prioritize real safety.