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Oppose is inadequate to describe my position on this legislation. This bill disenfranchises all Oregonians, not just the pro-second amendment community that our legislature seems to disdain so much. Every single piece of this legislation is an obscene attack on every citizen of our state, it is hard to pick a place to start.

Permit to purchase is no different than poll taxes charged to African Americans prior to the 1960's. Both are a disgusting arbitrary restriction on a constitutionally protected right, it's hard to reconcile how the Democrats can call themselves the party of the average citizen, when they foist such terrible ideals upon their constituency. Very few, if any parts of the permit to purchase scheme are actually ready for implementation, despite having a 2 year period in which the state, and individual counties had to prepare while measure 114 has been rightly contested in court. This means upon enactment, effectively all firearm purchases in the State of Oregon will cease. That is very clearly unconstitutional, and is not likely to survive real judicial scrutiny. Several Oregon sheriffs, including those in Linn, Union, and Klamath Counties, have publicly stated they lack the resources to enforce these measures, estimating costs in the tens of millions annually. This will divert funds from addressing actual public safety threats, like mental health crises or gang activity, which data shows are the true causes of violence.

Restricting judicial challenges to only Marion County is an affront to the 35 other counties in our state, erodes trust in our judiciary, as well as trust in our legislature's ability to produce quality legislation that actually helps Oregonians. It gives the appearance that Marion Counties' judiciary is not legitimately scrutinizing issues put before them. It will be interesting to see how this clause will fair in judicial review, once free of the bounds of a single county judiciary.

Magazine bans do not work. It is a waste of time, and money for both sides of the issue to continue pushing for magazine restrictions. Every armed law enforcement agency in the world uses "high-capacity" magazines. They use them because they have to interact with the same exact threats that everyday Oregonians do. There are legitimate uses for "high-capacity" magazines in every lawful application of a firearm, their arbitrary restriction by this legislature is absurd, and will just result in more wasted money by both the State of Oregon, as well as its citizens fighting this. Additionally, the ban on magazines holding more than 10 rounds ignores the reality that such magazines are in common use nationwide for lawful purposes, as evidenced by millions of Americans owning them for self-defense and sport. The Supreme Court in Bruen made clear that restrictions must align with historical

traditions of firearm regulation—neither Measure 114 nor HB 3075 meets this test, as no such sweeping bans or permitting schemes existed at the founding.

Oregonians deserve better than laws that punish the law-abiding, waste taxpayer money, and fail to deliver on their promises. I respectfully request that you reject these unconstitutional, ineffective, and divisive measures. Please focus on real solutions—enforcing existing laws, supporting mental health initiatives, and respecting the rights of Oregon’s citizens.

Thank you for your consideration.