



The League of Women Voters of Oregon, established in 1920, is a grassroots nonpartisan political organization that encourages informed and active participation in government. We envision informed Oregonians participating in a fully accessible, responsive, and transparent government to achieve the common good. LWVOR Legislative Action is based on advocacy positions formed through studies and member consensus. The League never supports or opposes any candidate or political party.

March 17, 2025

To: [Rep. Jason Kropf](#), Chair, [House Committee on Judiciary](#)

Re: [HB 3075](#) with [-1 amendment](#) – Changes to the gun permit and transfer process – **Support**

The League of Women Voters of Oregon supports HB 3075 and the -1 amendment, based on our belief that the proliferation of handguns and semiautomatic assault weapons constitutes a major health and safety threat to communities in our state. In 2022, the League strongly supported the provisions of Measure 114, and we continue our advocacy on gun violence prevention by supporting HB 3075 and the -1 amendment, which contain clarifying details for Measure 114's implementation.

Over three years ago, League members from across the state helped to gather signatures for Measure 114. We also added our name to the list of amici curiae in *Arnold and Gun Owners of America v Kotek*, heard by the Oregon Court of Appeals. We are delighted by the March 12 ruling that lifted the hold on the measure, bringing us closer to achieving stronger gun safety protections for Oregon. We acknowledge that new firearm permit processes, enforcement mechanisms, and gun owner education require careful planning to ensure a smooth transition and citizen compliance. We are hopeful that HB 3075 and the -1 amendment provide agencies affected by these changes with adequate guidance to do so in a timely manner.

Despite our support for the bill and the amendment, we would like to express concern about the list of those exempted from the permitting requirements of the measure, particularly those in law enforcement and the military. Given the data provided to you at the informational hearing on March 13 related to the high rate of suicide among certain groups in Oregon, we believe that attention must be paid to studies indicating that suicide rates are particularly high among those in public safety occupations. According to a 2024 report by the Center for Naval Analyses (CNA), there has been a significant increase of suicide in recent years among law enforcement officers. Also, the 2024 Veteran Suicide Data Sheet for Oregon indicates a significantly higher suicide rate for veterans than the national average. If one of the aims of Measure 114 is suicide prevention, then a more careful examination of these carveouts is certainly warranted.

We urge your support for HB 3075 with the -1 amendment and thank you for the opportunity to discuss this legislation.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Barbara Klein".

Barbara Klein
Acting President, LWVOR

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Marge Easley".

Marge Easley
LWVOR Action Committee Member