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## **Statement in Opposition to Oregon HB 3075**

I strongly urge the House Judiciary Committee to reject Oregon HB 3075 and prevent it from advancing. This bill, which modifies firearm permit provisions under Ballot Measure 114 (2022), is deeply flawed for two critical reasons: it lacks a required Fiscal Impact Statement, making it an unfunded mandate for counties, and it violates the U.S. Constitution, setting it on a path to be overturned by the Supreme Court.

First, HB 3075 should not pass out of the House Judiciary Committee because it doesn't have a required Fiscal Impact Statement. Oregon law mandates that bills with significant financial implications for local governments include a clear assessment of their costs. HB 3075 imposes new burdens on counties—such as expanded permit processing, extended waiting periods, and increased administrative oversight—without providing any funding mechanism to support these requirements. This is a classic unfunded mandate, forcing cash-strapped counties to divert resources from other essential services like public safety, road maintenance, or health programs. Without a Fiscal Impact Statement, lawmakers cannot fully understand the economic strain this bill will place on local governments and taxpayers. Advancing HB 3075 without this critical information is reckless and irresponsible, undermining transparency and fiscal accountability.

Second, HB 3075 infringes on rights protected by the U.S. Constitution, specifically the Second Amendment, and is likely to be struck down by the Supreme Court. The bill doubles the waiting period for firearm permits from 30 to 60 days, increases fees, and imposes additional bureaucratic hurdles on law-abiding citizens seeking to exercise their constitutional right to bear arms. Recent Supreme Court decisions, such as *New York State Rifle & Pistol Association v. Bruen* (2022), have reaffirmed that laws restricting Second Amendment rights must align with the historical tradition of firearm regulation in the United States. HB 3075's expansive permitting requirements and delays lack such historical grounding and instead appear designed to frustrate and deter lawful gun ownership. If enacted, this bill will almost certainly face legal challenges and be overturned, wasting taxpayer money on litigation—just as Oregon has already spent millions defending the unconstitutional Measure 114.

The combination of these issues—unfunded costs and constitutional overreach—makes HB 3075 a flawed and unsustainable proposal. I implore the House Judiciary Committee to halt this bill's progress and protect Oregonians from its financial and legal consequences. Reject HB 3075 and uphold both fiscal responsibility and constitutional integrity.

Thank you for your consideration.