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On Behalf Of:  
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Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB3075

To the Honorable Members of the Oregon House Judiciary Committee,

I write to strongly oppose House Bill 3075. This legislation strikes at the heart of our freedoms, dodging the courts to push Measure 114's flawed rules. As a man who values liberty and fairness, I won't stay silent. Here's why this bill must be stopped. First, it hampers our right to defend ourselves. Stretching the firearm permit wait from 30 to 60 days puts good people at risk for no clear reason. The Oregon Constitution, Article I, Section 27, states: "The people shall have the right to bear arms for the defense of themselves." The U.S. Constitution's Second Amendment adds: "The right of the people to keep and bear Arms, shall not be infringed." HB3075 steps over both, delaying a man's ability to protect his family.

Second, the fee hike is unfair. Jumping the permit cost from \$65 to \$150 hits hard-working folks where it hurts. The Bible, in Proverbs 29:4, says, "By justice a king gives a country stability, but those who are greedy for bribes tear it down." This increase feels more like greed than justice, making it tougher for honest men to exercise their rights.

Third, new rules lack support. Requiring safety courses and instructor programs sounds fine, but there's no funding to make it work. Luke 22:36 quotes Jesus: "Let the one who has no sword sell his cloak and buy one." That's about being ready, not jumping through hoops set up to trip us.

Fourth, locking legal fights to Marion County is wrong. Why limit challenges to one court? It feels like a move to tilt the scales. The Oregon Constitution, Article I, Section 10, promises "justice shall be administered openly and without purchase." This restriction doesn't square with that.

Lastly, calling this an emergency is baseless. No one at the hearing showed it cuts crime or stops lawbreakers. Psalm 94:20 asks, "Can a corrupt throne be allied with you—a throne that brings on misery by its decrees?" This bill brings misery without proof it's needed.

Yes, it spares cops and soldiers from permits, but that doesn't fix the rest. I urge you, respected lawmakers, to reject HB3075. Protect our rights, our wallets, and our honor as Oregonians.

Respectfully,  
A Concerned Oregon Citizen