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I am against this measure because the right to bear arms is protected under the Second Amendment of the United States Constitution and Article I, Section 27 of the Oregon State Constitution, this bill is effectively a permission slip from the government to exercise a constitutional right, one that the individual has to pay for; imagine the public outrage if the state required a permit to protest, go to church, or have an abortion. The fees are ridiculous, between permit fees, background check fees and safety class fees this is adding a good \$300 onto the cost of purchasing a gun, this is simply an end run around the 2nd Amendment in an attempt to make guns too expensive for the average person to buy, thereby lowering the number of legally owned guns; and that will happen what with how much the cost of living in Oregon has increased. This could actually push normally law abiding citizens into unlawfully purchasing guns. I am also against this because it ultimately is wasting legislature and law enforcement's time, and taxpayer money. Take the high capacity magazine ban, both state and U.S. Supreme Court precedent is that any firearm, or firearm accessories, that are in COMMON USE for lawful purposes, are protected under the 2nd Amendment; the most common handgun magazine capacity is 15 rounds, with semi-auto rifle magazine's being 30 rounds. Wanting to prevent and make mass shootings less deadly is an admirable goal, but only law abiding citizens would respect this ban, criminals can easily modify a state-compliant magazine to hold more than 10 rounds. This is why a large number of law enforcement, including some Oregon County Sheriff's, have said they will not enforce a magazine ban, because it is unconstitutional and virtually impossible to enforce, and is very easy to circumvent. Statistics have shown that overall increased gun control doesn't work, this bill is essentially a disguised semi-auto rifle & handgun permit. Assault weapons were banned in the United States for 10 years and the ban was allowed to expire because it didn't lower crime rates. There is no clear relationship between strict gun control legislation and lower homicide or violent crime rates, and higher gun ownership rates do not correlate with an increased rate of homicides or violent crime; there are more violent crimes committed with knives, hammers and other weapons, than guns. Take Switzerland for example, they have the highest per capita firearm ownership rate of any nation, even higher than the United States, they have never had a mass shooting and their homicide rate is only 1.2 per 100,000; the worldwide average being 5.8. America's epidemic of violence isn't because of guns, it has many reasons, drugs, homelessness and gangs chief among them. Coming much closer to home, in Oregon between 2007 and 2016, murder rates dropped 16 percent and violent crime rates dropped 18 percent, even though the percentage of adults with concealed carry permits rose by 190 percent and gun purchase rates rose 6.8%. A 2025 report shows that 50.8% of Oregon households own guns, the 14th highest in

the nation. Oregon has a high rate of gun sales per capita, with 1,372 guns sold per 10,000 residents aged 21 and older, the third highest in the nation. Yet historically, Oregon has one of the lowest violent crime and homicide rates in the country. Guns aren't the problem, people are. This shows Oregon is not in need of additional gun control. Criminals will always find a way to get guns, they don't care what laws are in place, in this day guns can be bought on the dark web, or made with 3D printers. To sum up, both Measure 114 and HB 3075 are unconstitutional, will have a large negative impact on law abiding citizens and responsible gun owners, while doing little to nothing to deter criminals or lower crime. Statistics are from published FBI NICS background checks, RAND, The Daily Signal & The Heritage Foundation. Thank you for your time and consideration.