

Date: 19 Mar 2025
To: House Judiciary Committee
From: John E. Bartley, III Washington County Precinct 423
Re: Comments Related to HB 3075 and its inadequate repairs to Measure 114

Chair Kropf, Vice-Chairs Chotzen and Wallan, and members of the committee:

My name is John E. Bartley, III. I'm a gun-owning Democrat activist who supports evidence-based solutions to gun violence that do not unduly restrict rights to ownership and use of firearms. HB 3075, while a fix of Measure 114, still contains provisions that are overly burdensome, inequitable, and unlikely to meaningfully address the root causes of gun violence.

1 No magazine capacity limit will prevent suicide.

2 This will do nothing to deter domestic violence, familicide, or gang violence, or to reduce overall gun violence. Law enforcement will still have structural problems and racism and discrimination, and leaving permitting in the hands of law enforcement will perpetuate inequity.

3 State background checks now take 6–7 weeks to process. This would mean that applicants must re-apply at their own expense (\$150). The process would functionally deny every new applicant at least once, and worsen the financial burden on applicants without guaranteeing that the program will be sustainably operable. Because this defies Section 27 of the Oregon Constitution, which ensures the right to bear arms for self- and State- defense, the ballot measure is likely to be overturned by the Oregon Supreme Court, stalling good gun legislation in the future.

4 The ballot measure is an unfunded mandate that will burden the state background check staff. The State Police will need a budget increase of an estimated \$40–50M to implement the program as written; where is that funding?

5 Where's the funding to develop in-person live fire training? The measure would require law enforcement to create certification programs and issue certifications to instructors to be able to provide live fire training. These certifications do not exist and are not in the process of being developed. Development and implementation of these programs will take months, delaying applications and approvals and costing the taxpayers of the state millions of dollars. In addition, live fire training to purchase excludes everyone who does not have access to a firearm.

6 Up to 40% of police are the cause of domestic violence and familial abuse against intimate partners, children and others, but they go to the head of the line with these changes.

These changes are inadequate to solve the very real problems with Measure 114.

I urge you to oppose, and vote against, HB 3075, and instead work with the firearms community to craft a constitutionally viable solution.

Sincerely,

John E. Bartley, III