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February 2, 2026

To: Rep. Jason Kropf, Chair, House Committee on Judiciary

Re: HB 4145 – Modifies firearm permit provisions of Ballot Measure 114 – **Support**

The League of Women Voters of Oregon strongly supports HB 4145 based on our gun policy and violence prevention positions. We believe that gun violence, including firearm suicide, poses a serious health and safety threat to Oregonians. Thus, we have long advocated for stronger gun safety laws, including the establishment of licensing procedures for gun ownership. In 2022, our members across the state participated in the campaign to secure passage of Measure 114, and since then the League has joined amicus briefs in support of the constitutionality of the measure at the Oregon Court of Appeals and the Oregon Supreme Court.

We are not here today to defend the merits of Measure 114, since its provisions are already embedded in Oregon law, with implementation dependent on a favorable ruling by the Oregon Supreme Court. We are here to state why we think HB 4145 makes the complex permitting process work more efficiently and effectively. This bill makes the following modifications to Measure 114:

- Specifies where to apply for permits for those who live in both incorporated and unincorporated areas
- Defines permit eligibility requirements
- Provides that all records related to the permitting process are exempt from disclosure
- Extends the time limit from 30 to 60 days for a permit agent to either issue or deny a permit
- Sets limits on the fees charged by the permit agent and the Oregon State Police
- Establishes alternatives for the required firearm safety training course
- Provides civil and criminal liability exemptions where applicable
- Provides an exception to the permit requirement for current and retired law enforcement officers
- Requires that state court actions challenging the legality of the Act be commenced in Marion County Circuit Court

The League believes these modifications to Measure 114 create a stronger and more workable firearm permitting process. We urge your support for HB 4145.

Thank you for the opportunity to discuss this legislation.

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