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HOUSE REPUBLICANS CONDEMN ADVANCEMENT OF UNCONSTITUTIONAL GUN BILLS

SALEM, Ore. – Today, Oregon House Republicans condemned the passage of two bills out of the House Judiciary Committee that significantly reduce the rights of law-abiding citizens to bear arms, while doing nothing to reduce crime and uphold public safety.

<u>House Bill 3075</u> makes it harder to lawfully obtain a firearm by increasing the firearm permit provisions in Ballot Measure 114, including adding additional eligibility requirements, fees, and doubling the wait time to issue permits to 60 days.

<u>House Bill 3076</u> directs the Department of Justice to create a state licensure program, adding additional, unnecessary oversight to an industry that already follows extensive federal regulations, including background checks, ATF licensing, and strict compliance laws.

"These bills are an attack on the constitutional right to bear arms," said **Rep. Drazan (R-Canby).** "The only thing these bills do is give is punish law-abiding gun owners and small businesses that are in full compliance with federal law."

"These bills force additional, expensive regulations on law-abiding citizens that many of them cannot afford," said **Rep. Greg Smith (R-Heppner)**. "And writing a blank check to the Department of Justice to enforce what's already codified in federal law is bad policy. Enough is enough."

"These bills are an absurd attempt to target law-abiding Oregon gunowners," said **Rep. Alek Skarlatos (R-Winston).** "They will ban standard size magazines, impose fees on the exercise of a constitutional right, and place prohibitive regulations on every local gunsmith and gun store, forcing these small businesses to close."