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## OHA chapters step up to fight Measure 114

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OHA is preparing to fight Ballot Measure 114, formerly called IP17, when it arrives on the November ballot. The OHA State Board approved the purchase of two arguments of opposition for the voters pamphlet, funded by OHA's member-supported Victory Fund (you can donate at [www.oregonhunters.org/donate](http://www.oregonhunters.org/donate)).

At the Chapter Leadership Summit in early August, OHA staff brought forward the opportunity for OHA chapters to support the purchase of an additional argument at the cost of \$1,200. The response was overwhelming. Several chapters pledged \$1,200 on the spot, with numerous others confirming their pledge over the next two weeks. In total, 12 chapters had pledged funds in support of the fight against Measure 114 as of Aug. 20 (Tualatin Valley, Columbia County, Umpqua, Ochoco, Capitol, Yamhill County, Josephine, Bend, Redmond, Tioga, Hoodview).

In addition to the voter pamphlet arguments, OHA is preparing additional outreach items, such as rack cards and counter displays for chapters to distribute throughout their local areas. Staff is also participating in several community outreach opportunities to educate the public beyond the hunting and shooting communities.



*Measure 114 would require firearm purchasers to obtain a new permit that agencies would be under no obligation to issue. OSP predicts no permits would be issued next year if 114 passes.*

Measure 114 would create a new permit-to-purchase procedure administered by a police chief or county sheriff with a background check that includes fingerprinting and photographing of purchaser. The purchaser is not eligible for a permit unless proof is shown of an approved firearms training course that includes a live fire component. The permit-to-purchase, if approved, is valid for 5 years.

The measure would place an underfunded burden on local law enforcement agencies, which would be under no obligation to provide certification or issue permits. It also creates a searchable database to maintain the information of all permittees, including those with expired permits, meaning once in the system, a permit-holder is always in the system. All firearms purchased by a permit-holder will be recorded in the database and the

information is allowed to be stored for an indefinite period of time.

“Large capacity” magazines, defined as holding more than 10 rounds, would also be banned, and that is not limited to detachable magazines, which means numerous firearms – most notably shotguns with at least a 21-inch barrel – would be outlawed because they can hold more than 10 mini-rounds in the tube.

Clearly, these constraints against lawful firearm owners are not an answer to the criminal aspect of gun violence. We already have in place mandatory background checks that are currently taking an excessive amount of time in some cases due to backlog.

OHA is committed to fighting Measure 114 and we are working closely with our counterparts within the Oregon Sportsmen's Conservation Partnership to coordinate and amplify our efforts.



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*Wolf populations and attacks on livestock are increasing in Oregon, and OHA is asking the Oregon Fish and Wildlife Commission to authorize Oregon's first wolf hunt.*

## OHA asks Commission to sanction wolf hunt

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OHA submitted a letter to the Oregon Fish and Wildlife Commission in early August requesting the Commission direct ODFW to initiate a framework for a wolf damage hunt in areas of chronic livestock depredation. The letter was sent after discussions with OHA's wolf subcommittee, Wildlife-Lands Committee and the Board of Directors.

Wolf populations in Oregon have continued to increase, and recently livestock depredations have seen similar increases. Oregon's current Wolf Conservation and Management Plan includes using "controlled take" of wolves for several reasons. To this point, removing offending wolves (both packs and individuals) in northeast Oregon has been done on a limited basis, and solely by wildlife agents or livestock owners who catch wolves in the act of taking livestock. Removal of wolves in other parts of Oregon is still prohibited.

The letter specifically details the ability of the Commission to authorize the damage hunt, and suggests details on how and where a damage hunt could be sanctioned. OHA is looking forward to continuing the discussion with the Commission and ODFW.

## OHA supports hunting on two public parcels

OHA has long been a proponent of managed hunting on public lands, and two different areas in Oregon are considering changes in these opportunities.

Baskett Slough National Wildlife Refuge, near Dallas, is managed under the Willamette Valley National Wildlife Refuge Complex and provides valuable habitat for ducks and geese throughout the fall and winter. Until recently, no hunting was allowed. Currently there is a limited opportunity for youth duck hunts. Now, there is an opportunity to expand the hunting opportunities to include the September Canada goose season and the entire duck season. OHA submitted comments in support of this long overdue expanded season.

LaPine State Park in central Oregon is managed by the Oregon Parks and Recreation Department (OPRD), and while most Oregonians think of state parks solely as a place to camp and picnic, a significant number of areas managed by OPRD are open to hunting. OPRD recently announced that it would close the northern portion of LaPine State Park to deer, elk and waterfowl hunting because of potential user conflicts. OHA has submitted comments opposing the closure, citing a lack of information to support the closure.

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