

I urge the Oregon House Judiciary Committee to pass HB 4005: Secure Storage and Disrupting Dangerous Access to Firearms.

Oregon does not require gun owners to secure their firearms when not under the control of the gun owner. Research shows that secure storage practices play a vital role in reducing the risk of gun violence, particularly among children, by preventing unintentional shootings and gun suicide. In Oregon, an average of 28 children and teens die by guns every year, and 69% of these deaths are suicide. Secure storage of firearms is a crucial step to ensuring the safety of our children by helping prevent unauthorized access to guns.

I respect gun owners and their right to own guns. I ask that they respect my right as a parent and citizen to live free from the fear that my child or another Oregon child will die a needless death by an unsecured firearm. HB 4005 will help ensure responsible gun ownership and save Oregonian lives.

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