I am writing in support of HB 2543 to close the Charleston Loophole for people purchasing guns in Oregon. In order to keep our communities safe from gun violence, anyone who wants to purchase a gun MUST have a completed background check before they are allowed to take possession of that gun. As a former Thurston community member, I know firsthand how gun violence affects families and communities in Oregon. We need to close the loophole in our background check laws. Please support this important bill that will undoubtedly save lives by keeping guns out of the hands of those who mean to harm themselves or others with firearms.