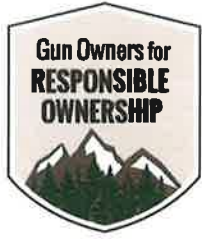


From the Desk of
Senator
Janeen Sollman



Vote YES on HB2005B to Reduce Gun Violence in Oregon

We are facing an epidemic of gun violence. On average, one Oregon resident dies from gun violence once every 15 hours. Over the past 10 years, firearm suicides in Oregon increased 22% and firearm homicides increased 135%. In fact, guns are now the leading cause of death for children ages 1-18 in the United States.

It doesn't have to be like this. House Bill 2005B offers common-sense solutions that will reduce gun violence and make our schools and communities safer.

HB2005B will help save lives:

- **Crack down on ghost guns** – undetectable and untraceable firearms. These guns lack serial numbers, which are essential for tracing guns used in crimes. Ghost guns and undetectable firearms are – by definition – always acquired without a background check. This bill gives law enforcement the tools they need to keep guns and critical component parts out of the wrong hands, while also providing hobbyists ample time to serialize their past and future gun kits.
- Six of nine of the deadliest mass shootings in the US since 2018 were carried out by people 21 and younger. Yet right now, an 18 year old can walk into an Oregon sporting goods store and buy a semi-automatic assault weapon in less than an hour. This bill **raises the age to purchase certain firearms, including semi-automatic assault rifles, to age 21**. It includes appropriate exceptions for firearms used in hunting and for military service members.
- **Local jurisdictions know best** how to keep their community safe. This bill allows local governments to prohibit guns on municipal property – such as government buildings, court buildings, or adjacent grounds.

HB2005B represents a reasonable approach to responsible gun ownership.

