

Submitter: Pearl Jennings

On Behalf Of:

Committee: House Committee On Judiciary

Measure: HB2006

Re: Testimony in support of House Bill 2005, House Bill 2006 and House Bill 2007

Dear Chair Kropf, Vice-Chairs Andersen and Wallen, and Members of the House Committee on Judiciary:

My name is Pearl Jennings and I am writing to ask for your support for HB's 2005, 2006 and 2007 as they are critical gun safety policies that will prevent violence and save lives.

I grew up in Astoria and have lived in Oregon my entire life. I have a young son now and am terrified of sending him to school when he turns 5, because of the now commonplace occurrence of lives being lost to mass shootings in schools.

Safety is essential for a thriving community. Schools, grocery stores, workplaces and houses of worship should be safe spaces to learn, work and gather. But every year, there are more mass shootings and other gun-related violence in our communities.

In November, Oregonians voted to make our communities safer by passing Measure 114. While the gun lobby has blocked Measure 114's implementation in federal and state courts, more work can be done in the Legislature to protect our communities. HB 2005, HB 2006 and HB 2007 are three such policies.

Thank you for your time in reading my testimony and considering this issue.
-Pearl