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Testimony in Support of HB 3074 – Improvements to Oregon’s Extreme Risk Protection Order (ERPO) Law
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Chair and Members of the Committee,

My name is Alicia Infante, and I'm writing today to represent the 1350 classified workers that are employed with the Hillsboro School District. We are in strong support of HB 3074 because, honestly, we're tired. Tired of having to fight every year during legislation just to keep kids safe. We're tired of preventable tragedies. Tired of working in a system where we have tools to save lives, but we're not even using them.

Oregon already has an Extreme Risk Protection Order law on the books—a law that exists for moments of crisis, for people who are spiraling, and for families and communities desperate to intervene before someone gets hurt. And yet, the fact that we're not requiring basic training for law enforcement on how to use it? That's absurd. We're sitting on a life-saving tool, and somehow we've made it optional to even learn how to use it. That's not just frustrating—it's dangerous.

HB 3074 offers real, research-backed improvements. First, it closes a glaring gap by requiring proof that firearms have actually been surrendered after an ERPO is issued. That's basic follow-through, and it's how we make sure these orders actually protect people.

Second, it expands who can file for an ERPO to include ex-partners and those with shared custody—people who often know the risk best and are currently shut out of the process.

And third—and to us, most critically—it mandates annual training for law enforcement. This should already be happening. How are we supposed to take these laws seriously if we're not equipping the people who enforce them?

We urge you to support HB 3074. We want to focus on our students' futures, not fear for their safety. We can—and must—do better. Let's make this tool usable, known, and effective. Our kids deserve that much.

Sincerely,

Alicia Infante,
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