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Hello, my name is Heather Wick and I am a lifelong Oregonian. I am testifying in support of HB 3075, which modifies the firearm permit provisions of Ballot Measure 114, because I am committed to reducing all forms of gun violence in our state.

When Oregonians passed Measure 114 in 2022, one of the key components they voted on was to require permits before purchasing a firearm. The permit process involves a buyer passing a criminal background check and completing a gun safety course. This is a common sense gun safety measure and 13 other states already have similar laws in place. Research supports that permit-to-carry systems can reduce both homicide and suicide rates.

After being tied up in the courts for over two years, Measure 114 was found constitutional in a unanimous ruling by the Oregon Court of Appeals on March 12, 2025. Oregonians should not have to wait any longer for the life-saving changes in Measure 114 to be implemented. HB 3075 provides a roadmap for Oregon to effectively implement permit-to-purchase and addresses technical fixes that will allow law enforcement to efficiently process permits.

I want to thank our lawmakers for giving me the opportunity to provide testimony, and I ask you all to support this important legislation.