

Please support House Bill 4145.

I'm Jen Leonard, a Portland parent of a soon-to-be kindergartener. What should be an exciting milestone now feels uncertain and frightening due to concerns about school shootings. Parents should not fear sending their children to school. Children deserve to have safe access to learning.

Guns are the 2nd-leading cause of death among children and teens in Oregon, and the leading cause nationwide. We can and must do better, and Oregon made great progress when we enacted a permit to purchase law in 2022. The provisions in this bill will enable state agencies and law enforcement departments across the state to implement life-saving gun violence prevention laws to the best of their ability. I urge you to lead our state toward a future free from gun violence by doing your part to advance this bill. Thank you.