

Please support House Bill 4145. I am an active student in high school, and am constantly worried about going to school in fear of something going wrong. I am always seeing these heartbreaking things in the news, and I am confused about why we have not found a way to fix this recurring problem. I have met people who have been in a school shooting downtown, this should not be such a common problem that I should be meeting people who live close to me. This needs to be fixed immediately, so I can go to school in peace and not be afraid. Guns are the 2nd-leading cause of death among children and teenagers in Oregon, and the leading cause nationwide. We must do better, and we made great progress when we enacted a permit-to-purchase law in 2022. The conditions in this bill will enable state agencies and law enforcement departments across the state to enforce 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.