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Please support House Bill 4145. I am a student, and I have to say that going to school can be really scary. A lot of kids my age are afraid that something bad might happen at school. We have to do lockdown drills and often hear of alerts nearby. This is what school is, like now. The thing is, it should not be this way. School should be a place. Lockdown drills and alerts should not be a part of going to school. This problem is extremely personal to me. I know someone who survived a shooting. They will have to deal with what happened for the rest of their life. Seeing how much it changed their life made me understand that we need to do something about this now. The shooting had an impact on them and it still affects them every day. We need to take action to prevent things, like this from happening to people like my friend who survived the shooting. 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 we 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.