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Please support House Bill 4145. I am Elise Gutierrez-Encinas, a Junior in High School and I should not have to worry about a gun related crisis at my school. Every month, we have drills in order to be prepared in case of an armed intruder. We are told to be prepared to lose our lives. No teenager or human being should have to worry about their life in an environment where learning is supposed to be happening. 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