

Submitter: Catherine Ryan Gregory

On Behalf Of:

Committee: Senate Committee On Rules

Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB4145

Hello, my name is Catherine Ryan Gregory, and I live in West Linn, Clackamas County. I am testifying in support of HB 4145 because this is a vital issue to me and my family, as we have been impacted by gun violence in multiple ways. Firstly, my cousin was killed in an unintentional shooting when he was just 8 years old. My sister was threatened by her ex-husband with his gun. And my nephew narrowly survived the Oxford school shooting in Michigan. The shooter fired at him as he ran away and fortunately missed. While my nephew survived, he witnessed a friend and classmate be executed right in front of him, and he lives with deep trauma to this day.

We need to pass this commonsense gun legislation. HB 4145 honors the will of Oregon voters who passed Measure 114 in 2022 and provides the clarity needed to implement those life-saving policies effectively and responsibly.

This bill fixes key implementation issues by giving agencies time to build the permit system, ensuring consistent judicial review, allowing thorough background checks, creating sustainable funding, and preventing permits from being issued based on incomplete information.

By addressing these gaps, HB 4145 moves Measure 114 from principle to practice while respecting constitutional rights and prioritizing public safety.

I urge you to move HB 4145 forward without delay. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Catherine Ryan Gregory