

HB 4145
Favorable

TO: Chair Jama, Vice Chair Starr and Members of the Committee
Oregon Senate Committee on Rules

FROM: Molly Burger
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DATE: February 27, 2026

RE: HB 4145 Modifies the firearm permit provisions of Ballot Measure 114

The Center for Gun Violence Solutions at the Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health conducts rigorous scientific research to assess the effectiveness of strategies to curb all forms of gun violence. Research that my colleagues have conducted shows that permit to purchase laws have reduced virtually all forms of gun violence, including suicides, and that is why we support this bill. For example, Connecticut adopted a handgun purchaser licensing law in 1995. Our research found it led to large reductions in firearm homicides and suicides as well as in shootings of law enforcement officers.

When that evidence indicates a strategy will save lives, we advocate for its adoption. I request a favorable vote on HB 4145.

Sincere Regards,
Molly Burger, MA