

My name is Beth Nelson. I am a fifth-generation Oregonian and a parent. I strongly support HB2510. The bill encourages gun owners to safely store their guns when they are in their control. Gun violence has dramatically increased this past year in Oregon. It seems that every day there is news of another person shot and killed on the streets. These guns are often obtained illegally - through theft or "borrowing" someone's unsecured gun. Simple trigger locks or quick-access gun safes are all that are needed to keep guns from being used to kill someone.

The penalties in the bill for not securing one's guns are minor, and only enforced if someone's gun is taken, not reported, and used in a crime or suicide. The gun owner would have ample time to report the gun missing to avoid any fines. It's a very small step toward keeping us safe, but would save countless lives.

Thanks for your yes vote on HB2510