

Submitter: Emily Rosenthal MD
On Behalf Of:
Committee: House Committee On Judiciary
Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB3074

Dear Chair Kropf and Members of the House Judiciary Committee,
My name is Emily Rosenthal, and I am a pediatrician in Portland Oregon. I am in strong support of HB 3074 to increase the use of extreme risk protection orders in Oregon. Having a process to prevent those at risk for harming themselves or other from obtaining a firearm is vital to reduce the risk of injury or death from firearms. We know that suicide attempts with firearms are among the most likely to result in death. ERPOs have been shown to reduce the rate of suicide deaths from firearms by 7-15%. Strengthening ERPOs is an important step towards promoting the safety and well-being of our communities, particularly those struggling with depression and thoughts of suicide. For this reason I strongly support HB 3074, and hope that you will as well.

Sincerely,
Dr. Emily Rosenthal