SB1026 Will Keep Guns Out of the Hands of Kids

Having unlocked, loaded guns in the home put children at risk. Yet Oregon has no clear standard that firearms should be safely stored when a child could be present in the home. It is time for Oregon to establish that requirement, just as 28 other states have already done.

Senate Bill 1026 makes it a crime to allow a child to gain unintended access to a firearm by failing to lock or properly secure it. The law would also educate the public by ensuring licensed gun dealers post the safe storage requirements in their business.

UNINTENTIONAL SHOOTINGS

- Most children do not know how to properly handle a gun. We see unintentional shootings every year in Oregon resulting from a child gaining access to a firearm.
- About 50,000 Oregon children live in homes with loaded guns, and over half (26,000) of those guns are not stored in a locked container or with a trigger lock.
- These shootings are not accidents—they are preventable if the owners take the simple steps to safely store their firearms.

YOUTH SUICIDES

- Teen suicide is on the rise—especially with a firearm. Access to a gun increases the risk someone will attempt suicide.
- Most of teen suicides are committed with a family member’s gun. Making it harder for teens to access a firearm will save lives.

REDUCE GUN VIOLENCE

- Studies of states that have adopted similar safe storage requirements have shown reductions in the race of teen suicides and unintentional child shootings.
- That is why safe storage requirements are supported by groups like the American Academy of Pediatrics and the National Physicians Alliance.

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