



SB 868 Will Help Oregon Families and Law Enforcement Prevent a Tragedy

Too often, we see the warning signs before someone commits an act of gun violence. But Oregon law lacks the necessary tools to temporarily remove firearms from people in crisis showing clear evidence they are a danger to themselves and others.

Senate Bill 868 establishes an Extreme Risk Protection Orders (ERPO) to empower families and law enforcement to prevent gun tragedies. Similar to laws in Washington, California, and Connecticut, SB 868 establishes a civil court process to restrict access to firearms for up to a year based on clear and convincing.

EMPOWERING FAMILIES

- In many shootings, family members had seen their loved ones engage in dangerous behaviors even before any violence occurred.
- Family members are often the first to know when a loved one is in crisis, but frequently lack the tools to intervene before it is too late.
- An Extreme Risk Protection Order (ERPO) fills this gap by creating a mechanism to work with law enforcement to temporarily remove guns.

PREVENTING GUN SUICIDES

- The vast majority (83%) of gun deaths in Oregon are from suicide.
- People experiencing a crisis may be at an elevated risk of suicide. Those in a suicidal crisis are much more likely to survive if they do not have easy access to firearms.
- In Connecticut, the law has been estimated to prevent one suicide for every 10-20 orders served.

BUILDING COMMON GROUND

- SB 868 is the result of bipartisan collaboration with law enforcement to design the right approach for Oregon.
- Voters in Washington State overwhelmingly approve a similar law in November 2016, including most Republican-leaning counties.
- The goal is to temporarily intervene so people can get the care they need before they harm themselves or others. That is something we can all support.

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