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***A Bill Requiring Gun Safes and Gun Locks for Parents With Firearms to be Heard in
Senate Judiciary Committee on Thursday April 16th***

Salem, OR - The Senate Judiciary Committee will hold a public hearing and work session on Senate Bill 945 on April 16th. The legislation will create the crime of endangering a minor by allowing access to a firearm. The crime is punishable by a Class A Misdemeanor and individuals convicted under the law will be prohibited from owning a firearm.

Under the bill, an individual will be liable if he or she meets three criteria: the individual possess an operable firearm on premises under his or her control, the firearm is in a location where the person knows or reasonably should know that a minor could gain access to the firearm, and a minor obtains the firearm without permission from the person or the minor's parents or legal guardians. Individuals are not liable if they keep the firearm in a locked container or use a gun lock.

The public hearing and work session are scheduled for Thursday, April 16th at 8:00am in Hearing Room 343. You can find more information on the bill [here](#). If you would like to submit testimony please email it [here](#).