

Thank you for taking my testimony Senators of the Judiciary Committee,

I stand in opposition to SB 941 and feel that it is misguided bill that fails to impact the criminals that it is intended to stop. I feel that the bill is an infringement on the public's 2nd amendment rights to bear and keep arms and the passage of this law would be unconstitutional. The Oregon Republican Party has stated that this purposed bill violates Article 1, section 8, clause 3 of the US Constitution that limits the regulatory power of government, in a way that does not allow government to intercede in private transactions between citizens. Based on this statement I see a litigation battle in the foreseeable future if the bill were to pass and thus cost the tax payers and the state more money. The passage of the law has been not addressed fiscally. The current background system is already slow and cannot handle an increase in required background checks the law will create thus making it arduous for a law abiding citizens to sell a fire arm privately. There is no requirements for dealers to accept an individual's request for a background check nor is there a set fee. Currently If I was selling a gun to someone I did not know I would just get the 800 number and get a background check myself, but maybe I am more responsible than most.

This law is misguided and will only affect law abiding citizens - criminals will not be deterred by the law. Numerous Law enforcement individuals have expressed concern for how the law will be enforced or if it will even be enforceable.

I would suggest that if we are going to be fiscally irresponsible, as I feel this bill is - especially after litigation, that we should guide our irresponsibility to further fund our law enforcement rather than waste time on a bill that is not constitutional and bound to impact the state's budget further when the law is contested in court.

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