

Today, the Senate Judiciary Committee held a public hearing on Senate Bill 941 which proposes a universal background check system in Oregon.

This reprehensible bill will likely pass out of the Judiciary Committee on a party line vote on April 2nd, after being introduced on March 26th. This means that the bill will just have six business days for the public to submit comments. Only one day has been set aside to consider any changes to the bills.

The bill is being unfairly rushed through the legislative process denying Oregonians their right to comment on the bill or to make any changes. There has not been enough time for legislators to read the hundreds of pieces of testimony submitted to the Legislature on the bill.

Which part of the Constitution of Oregon, Article I, Section 27, "The people shall have the right to bear arms for the defence (sic) of themselves, and the State, . . ." is not understood by the sponsors of SB 941?

Which part of the Constitution of the United States, Amendment II, "..the right of the people to keep and bear arms, shall not be infringed" is not understood by the sponsors of SB 941?

Please remain aware of the Constitution of Oregon, Article I, Section 1, "We declare that all men, when they form a social compact are equal in right: that all power is inherent in the people and all free governments are founded on their authority, and instituted for their peace, safety, and happiness; and they have at all times a right to alter, reform, or abolish the government in such manner as they may think proper."

How many arrests have been made by using the current background check system of people who should not be allowed to legally purchase a firearm? What percentage is that of all firearms purchased with this system?

Oppose SB 941. It is a contemptuous, disgraceful and repulsive attempt at a piece of legislation.

Respectfully,

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