

State of Oregon - Senate Judiciary Committee

Oregon is one of only a few states which requires background checks by private parties at gun shows. There has been no evidence that this has decreased crime rates in Oregon. This evidence should be proven before expanding this requirement to all private sales.

This law will affect law-abiding gun owners by imposing cumbersome mandates and restrictions on the lawful purchase and possession of firearms. Criminals, do not follow the law and do not subject themselves to background checks. In the state of Oregon, it is illegal to knowingly sell or transfer a firearm to someone classified as a prohibited person, it is a felony for a prohibited person to buy, own or possess a firearm. This is an ineffective and unenforceable piece of legislation that will only impact the law abiding.

The current firearms purchase background check system rarely results in criminal prosecutions or convictions of prohibited persons, and the criminal element does not follow the laws currently in place; therefore, creating additional restrictive laws will do nothing to increase compliance, but will increase the work load of law enforcement, increase the cost to the consumer

- I oppose the expansion of Oregon's background check system for transfers of firearms between qualified and law abiding persons.
- I oppose attempts at incremental infringements, and view them as an overt disregard of the undeniable protections and rights of the 2nd amendment.
- I oppose any additional state and federal laws, regulations, or restrictions of the Constitutional rights held within the Second Amendment.

I am expressing my steadfast resolve to support the Constitution – the entire Constitution, including the Second Amendment.

I believe that by passing this bill that you would be infringing upon the rights of our citizens. I promptly and forcefully communicate my opposition to SB 941 by the receipt of this letter.

Please do not pass SB 941.

Respectfully,

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