

Honorable members of the Senate Committee on Judiciary,

Senate Bill 941, according to Senator Floyd Prozanski on a recorded video at the following link <https://youtu.be/qDl4gr-jDv8>, "If someone wants to get a gun, they're gunna get it through some illegal means" "We're not going to stop anyone and everyone from getting a gun if they really want one"... "Someone wants to go out and steal a gun, that's not gunna be addressed by this issue".

Legislation should have a real purpose with attainable goals. It is a fact that criminals that use firearms are lawbreakers and have already demonstrated their willingness to violate law. Somehow, thinking that this will change how criminals behave is unrealistic at best. An assumption that theft of firearms is a primary method of criminal acquisition of firearms is a thinking error.

Criminals exchange firearms at will unseen in any private location. Keeping firearms out of the hands of criminals that will not even attempt to undergo a background check is impossible.

This fact of life undermines and negates the supposed goal of keeping firearms out of the hands of criminals.

In 2014 as a result of Senator Ted Ferrioli asking Governor Kitzhaber to enforce a state law that makes it a crime to attempt to purchase a gun when the purchaser knows that he or she is a prohibited person state troopers were dispatched to make investigations when a person failed a background check. Where have the proponents of this bill been up until that point. That was real action that had some results. With less than a year of enforcement of current laws why must this bill be rushed through without consideration of results from the past year?

Senate Bill 941 will complicate the transfer of firearms from one family member to another and will be unenforceable. It should be the right of any citizen to transfer firearms to family members as they please. This bill could be correctly called the gun owners surveillance bill. The only demonstrable purpose is to keep track of where firearms are located and with whom.

Is it reasonable and right to know that criminals will not observe or obey this law and will transfer firearms at will but to expect law abiding citizens to have to endure the scrutiny of government surveillance? Many people have already made it clear they will not obey this requirement in an act of civil disobedience. The effect is to transfer those that now line up in the law abiding column to the law breaker column. That is a result you can expect. Is that a goal you would like to pursue?

This bill will not affect the transfer of firearms from other states or the black market. It will however, make otherwise law abiding citizens criminals.

The Second Amendment of the United States Constitution clearly states: "the right of the people to keep and bear arms shall not be infringed." Clearly, SB 941 infringes this Constitutional right.

Article I, Section 8, Clause 3 of the US Constitution limits the regulatory power of government in a way that does not allow government to intercede in private transactions between citizens. The requirement to register firearms sold in private transactions is unconstitutional, and a clear infringement on the rights of Oregonians.

This is a short list of objections to SB 941. I'm asking that you vote NO on SB 941 as an affirmative vote for the Constitutional rights of Oregonians.

Regards,

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