

Senator Thatcher

I strongly oppose the gun bill senate bill 941.

It will shut down hunter safety training, college rifle and pistol teams and citizens from Oregon going to competitions in and out of state.

Oregon State University has both rifle and pistol teams that use college owned guns. With the law guns could not be given to the students for matches without a background check and then a second background check would have to be done when the student return the gun to the college gun storage locker custodian.

Hunter safety sets up situations in the class room to simulate conditions in the field such as crossing fences. One person holds both firearms and the second crosses the fence. The first person hands both firearms to the second person who crossed the fence and this is now illegal in the class room and in the field in real hunting situations. It would require a background check for one person to hand another person a firearm and a second background check for the first person to return the gun he was just handed by the first person.

When duck hunters return to shore in boats a background check would be required for one hunter to hand the shotguns to a second hunter who got out of the boat and was standing on the shore. A second check would be required when the second hunter hands the shotgun back to the hunter who just handed it to him. It is unsafe to climb out of boat onto the shore holding a firearm.

For decades since the 1950s citizens of Oregon have attended the National Matches in Ohio and matches around the nation. Most people fly by always one person drives and hauls their equipment and firearms.

This bill would make this illegal to have a team member transport firearms for another team member. For an entire life time these people have done this and now suddenly they will be criminals if they continue to what they have done for decades.

Many times in team rifle matches multiple people shoot the same firearm. Now for this to happen a background check would be required for one person to hand another person a firearm and a second background check would be required for the first person to be handed the gun he had just handed to the second team member.

The junior rifle programs around the state furnish club owned rifles for juniors for matches and safety training. The bill would make this illegal since to put a .22 rifle in the hands of a junior would require a background check and another background check when it returned to the instructor at the gun club. This would also shut down Boy Scout firearms training since it would be illegal for the Scout master to hand the boy scout a firearm without a background check. A second check would be required for the boy scout to had the gun back to the Scout master.

Juniors under 18 can not pass a background check due to the fact that they are too young to buy a gun. We have kids hunting in the state that go with friends which are not their parents. This would now be illegal under the law. It would shut down hunting by minors who go with family friends on in hunting parties without their parents along.

All of the pistol training programs in the state would also be shut down since the training normally includes training of different types of pistols for safety and for concealed carry permits. The instructor or club frequently owns the guns used in the classes. Two background checks would be required. One when the instructor hands the firearm to the student and a second one when the student returns the firearm to the instructor. This restriction also applies to gun club training classes for all types of firearms conducted at gun clubs around the state.

This bill would outlaw ROTC students from firearms training since they are not in the military or police. The students and private citizens until the last two years of a ROTC program. The Army would need to conduct a background check on the students before they could be allowed to handle a Army owned firearm.

The bill will be universally ignored by the citizens of Oregon and who will enforce it?

I urge you to stop this crazy attack on the second amendment rights of the citizens of Oregon. Our state constitution gives us the specific right to have firearms and this bill revokes that right.

Why do you want to shut down hunter safety classes and firearms safety classes for citizens of Oregon? Why do you want to shut down the Boy Scouts firearms training programs?

This is a terrible bill and it should never pass.

I wish to remind you we have a very strong background check law already in place.

Many dealers will simply refuse to conduct background check for sales that they are not a party to. Why should they take their time to conduct a background check for a transaction that they are not involved in and do not profit from? They will have to enter the firearm on Federal forms and enter it into their records. This is a time consuming expensive activity that serves no purpose and is of no benefit to the dealer. Once they enter the firearm into their records they incur liability for the sale and use of the firearm. This alone will cause many dealers to refuse to process background checks for private sales.

thank for your consideration.

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