

Let me start by saying that SB 941 will do NOTHING to stop crime.

Is anyone naive enough to think that a criminal will go get a background check? Is anyone naive enough to think that someone will go with a suspected criminal to get a background check? Is there anyone naive enough to think a criminal will be swayed by a misdemeanor charge? A criminal will simply find another way to obtain a gun. SB 941 will NOT fix the problem.

I do not see any way this law would be enforceable. How would law enforcement learn of an unauthorized transfer? How can it be proved the transfer was not temporary? Who is going to pay for all the investigation time and additional background checks? You can't even adequately fund education.

The only thing this law would accomplish is place an unwarranted burden on law abiding Oregonians. Legal gun sales are NOT the problem.

Would SB941 prevented Sandy Hook? No. An unstable kid killed his mother and stole her gun. Would it prevent any of the other mass shootings? No. Before there were guns, it was a knife or a sword. Before that a spear. Before that a rock or a club. Should we get background checks for firewood sales? Take a look at the latest mass murder. A pilot crashed an airliner. SB941 would not have prevented that.

GUN SALES ARE NOT THE PROBLEM!

We have a law that makes driving with a cell phone illegal. Has that law stopped people from using a cell phone will driving? No. A FAR bigger problem than gun sales. Thousands of Oregonians breaking the law and driving a deadly weapon while willfully distracted. Why not get off the non-problem and start focusing on a real serious issue?

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