

Representatives:

If you've not read [SB 941](#), its 23 pages of rules, exceptions, punishments, and criminal code trip-wires make a common man scared of simple buying or selling.

One example is although even today's current law allows transfer of a gun from seller if nothing is heard from OSP's background check (after close of business, 24 hours state, three business days federal law) within three business days, stores do not exercise that freedom as they're frankly scared of their local prosecutor or their risk management assessment wants the liability shield of an 'authorization number'. Whatever the reason, the overwhelming majority of stores have a policy to await an authorization number no matter how many days it takes. These laws have a chilling effect on sales.

- A simple seller-buyer transaction is now complex.
- Criminals don't work within above system, in any event -- this punishes men and women who follow the law, it does not hinder criminals.
- [SB 941](#) now escalates this burden on private sales? Hobbyists, sportsman, traders, gunsmiths starting a business are to be slowed to a crawl in what should be simple buy-sell exchanges?

I have been embarrassed and inconvenienced at authorization delays. It's chilling and humiliating to await hat in hand for government approval over purchasing a simple \$500.00 item or a collector's \$2,000.00 rifle -- sometimes 30 minutes, sometimes for days.

- Do I wait in the store or go home and await a phone call?
- I wait until other customers are out of earshot, before asking, "Am I approved, yet?" because it feels like I am a felon getting a parole officer's approval to get a job in the next county.
- I am embarrassed and humiliated by our state of Oregon as I get "delayed".

Treatment like this by the State of Oregon builds resentments toward both our legislators and our laws - explaining much of the heat the Oregon House is feeling in trying to rush passage of this BAD BILL.

This is *terrible* when you're on the citizen's end; it's not just one more piece of paperwork.

Please Vote No!

Thank you,

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