

To Whom It May Concern: I have some comments about SB 941 as follows:

1. The provision that there is an emergency and the Bill would need to take effect immediately is a mistake. There is no urgency to implementing this if it passes, and there will need to be a period of education as the bill takes away a right that Oregonians have always had and there must be some time allowed to have people understand what they cannot do. Immediate implementation increases the probability that some innocent person will run afoul of the law.
2. As many others have commented, this Bill will not prevent transfers to felons or mentally deficient persons since these do not ordinarily acquire their firearms through legitimate sales, nor will it dissuade those who traffic in gun sales to these people. The Bill's provisions simply harasses citizens engaged in legitimate commerce and weakens their rights under the Second Amendment to the U.S. Constitution.
3. If the Bill continues on course, there should be exemptions for transferees (those receiving the firearm) if they possess a Federal Curio and Relics License or an Oregon Concealed Weapons Permit as they have been vetted already by the state and or federal governments.
4. If the Bill continues on course, there should be exemptions for firearms listed as Curios and Relics by the Federal AFT as the government has concluded that these are special interest weapons not likely to be used in a crime.
5. The requirement to have the OSP notification done by a licensed firearm dealer is ridiculous. If a transfer occurs at a gun show the transferor is allowed to contact the OSP personally as I have done on the several occasions that I have sold a gun at one. Why insist that I enrich some gun dealer, interfere with his/her normal commerce, when the important thing to the purpose of this bill is that the OSP be contacted to ensure that the transferee is not qualified to purchase a firearm.
6. I am not opposed to reasonable and workable regulations or laws that will truly affect the horrendous level of violence in our society, but there is no indication that a Bill such as this one will help that.

Yours,

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