

**Chairperson Representative Val Hoyle, and members of the committee:**

It seems as though SB 941 is simply an effort to create expense and inconvenience for law abiding gun owners. It is interesting that an alternative presented by Senator Kim Thatcher was not even considered by Senator Floyd Prozanski. As I understand it, Representative Bill Post also offered a common sense alternative. However, it appears those ideas were dismissed without discussion.

Common sense tells us that people with criminal intent will not obey this or any other gun control law. The sheriffs of 20 counties have expressed their opposition to the bill and many say they will not enforce it.

If this bill becomes law the volume of transactions will be increased. Is more funding for the OSP background check system part of this bill?

This is kind of a trick question because the people of our state will lose either way:

If no additional funding is allowed it will mean longer wait times for lawful firearm purchases since the volume of background check requests will increase.

If additional funding is purposed we will be using money to implement an ineffective law. That money would be better spent elsewhere. For example: Here in Albany we have some schools providing breakfast for children who would otherwise go without eating. Our resources should be directed toward creating good jobs for the parents of these children. As I am sure you all know, that example is only one of the important problems facing our state.

Finally, Senator Doug Whitsett discussed Senate Bill 941 in his 3/30/15 newsletter. He pointed out that SB 941 contains an emergency clause that will prohibit the bill from being referred to the people for a statewide vote. The supporters of SB 941 seem to be fearful that a majority of Oregonians would not support the bill.

Putting a clause of that type into any bill to insure Oregonians do not get a chance to vote on it shows disregard for our democratic process.

Please do not support SB 941.

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