

House Rules Committee Members,

I do agree with the majority of Oregon citizens that this proposed law will do nothing to keep firearms out of the hand of criminals, but it will put a severe burden on the law abiding by the high cost of a dealer transfer. Of course that is what the anti-gun lobby wants. This process is gun registration, the first step in confiscation.

While reading part of SB 941 it occurred to me that if we have to put up with this regulation, and I hope we don't have to, it mite as well be a little easier to deal with. Why not have the transfer take place at any State Police office as an option to a dealer transfer. This would be more useful in several ways:

They already have easy records access and available office help.

They have the system in place already (even with it's problems).

Control the cost. There is no control over the cost of the transfer with dealers, so the normal State background fee of \$10 should be charged by the State Police, the same as a dealer firearm purchase, as opposed to \$25 to \$45 and more for a dealer private transfer.

If the transferee has wants or warrants they would already be at the Police office.

Those in rural areas may be closer to a State Police office than going to the bigger city to a dealer who may or may not do the transfer.

Some dealers will not do transfers of other peoples firearms because of the paperwork, hassle and time involved with the system. That's why it cost more than a background check for a firearm the dealer sells and makes money on.

A dealer told me recently (I think it is true) that when a firearm comes in for a private transfer they enter it in their FFL system (that makes it the dealers property), then the check is done. If the receiving party is not approved, he does not have to return the firearm to the previous owner. And if he does return it, he would have to run the check on them also (FFL regulations) and all this would have a cost to it. Also under FFL rules he may have to hold the firearm for several days before the transfer takes place.

Give the law abiding citizen a break with the **OPTION** and put the burden of the record keeping and time consuming process back inside the state agency.

Thank you again,  
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"He that hath no sword, let him sell his garment and buy one." Luke 22:36

"The Constitution shall never be construed.... to prevent the people of the United States who are peaceable citizens from keeping their own arms." Samuel Adams