

After reading SB941, I really feel that the implementation put forth as a Universal Background Check is not designed with the law abiding public in mind, and seems rather unenforceable for law enforcement. With no current requirement for “proof of ownership/purchase” on firearms, I’m not sure how I’d prove a firearm was mine right now were I stopped by a LEO.

Additionally, I think this puts undue cost on firearms owners who want to store their firearms in a safe location during a move from house to house, or out of state, or while on deployment with the military (assuming no family in state to take control of the firearms for them).

I believe that the added load on local FFL staff would also place an undue burden on gun owners who wish to loan a gun to a friend for hunting season (I don’t always go where my friends do, and sometimes provide rifles or shotguns for them to use), or to a friend for target shooting when I can’t go. Requiring me and my intended transfer recipient to both take time from work to go pay a third party who may or may not be able to process our business in a timely fashion seems rather onerous. Especially as universal background checks done in this manner (and a registry for that matter) have already been shown to be overly expensive and have no link to a drop of felons in possession of firearms, or reduced gun crime. Look at Canada. Their registry went so far over budget with no serious link to any LEO value that the country shut it down entirely.

I don’t think the authors of this bill have really thought through the system they plan to implement. There are significantly better ways to implement background checks that don’t put a burden on gun owners. For example, allowing anyone to call and do a background check, not just FFL’s, or better yet, simply making it a website that I could put in driver’s license or SSN information, and receive a receipt code that would prove I did a valid check on a buyer or transferee. Ideally both services would be free to the public as well, and have no need to store firearm serial numbers as the real goal here is to make sure a firearm recipient is a valid, non-felon recipient, right?

I mean unless it is to try to create a database of registered firearms to addresses and owners. In which case this should really be called the Oregon Firearm Registry Act I would think.

Thank you for your time.

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