

REVENUE: No revenue impact

FISCAL: Fiscal statement issued

Action: Do Pass
Vote: 6 - 3 - 1
Yeas: Garrett, Hicks, Schaufler, Wand, Barker, Krieger
Nays: Nolan, Olson, Tomei
Exc.: Whisnant
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Meeting Dates: 4/19, 4/20

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Removes Oregon State Police (OSP) as designated state point of contact for purposes of National Instant Criminal Background Check System. Requires gun dealer to obtain authorization to transfer firearm directly from system.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Pros and cons of state background check requirements being met by OSP versus federally-licensed dealers' use of federal system

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: No amendment.

BACKGROUND: A gun buyer's background has to be checked by a gun seller before a weapon may be sold. In Oregon, the State Police performs the background check. House Bill 2791 responds to gun buyers' and sellers' complaints that the Oregon State Police process inhibits legitimate transactions because it is too expensive and fraught with delay.