

For the Record SB 941

SB941, is a non-solution to a non-existing problem. Expanding the existing, non-functional State Police background check system as proposed in SB941 only restricts the rights of the legitimate citizen and needlessly burdens the State Police and cooperating gun dealers. There are many cases on file of Oregonians denied a transfer due to errors in the current system. Local law enforcement does a good job of arresting felons with weapons. But we have seen no one who should be restricted from purchasing, sent to jail for attempting a purchase.

Those of us with a concealed handgun license as well as active hunters and target shooters, fear weapons in the wrong hands more than the average person as we know the damage a weapon can do. I think the support for a good, effective background check is there. But not for the restrictions placed on us by SB941. This bill is a heavy restriction on our Second Amendment. The biggest issue is the registration requirement. The bill requires the "make, model, caliber and manufacturer's number of the firearm being transferred". Why? Is this a registration system or a background check? Long ago, our local Sheriff used to record the serial number on concealed handgun permits. Several years back he dropped the serial number requirement. They found it served no purpose. If the highest elected law official does not need the serial numbers, why does the State of Oregon?

Are people killed by the shooter or the weapon? Was my brother killed by a drunk driver, or the drunk's Chevrolet? All Chevrolets are registered, but has this stopped any drunks or accidents?

Be honest now.

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