

TO: Senate Judiciary Committee  
SB 941  
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RE: Proposed SB 941

On Behalf of Douglas Ridge Rifle Club in Estacada, Oregon, and it's over 1,400 members I would like to place our club on record as being opposed to Senate Bill 941 for the following reasons:

Criminals will get around the new law by accessing firearms another way. The threat of a misdemeanor criminal charge will not be a significant deterrent

The law will be onerous for law abiding citizens with layers of new requirements. Many Oregonians are serious sport shooters, hunters and collectors. They buy sell and trade firearms responsibly to each other on a regular basis. This law would create criminals out of otherwise law abiding people. Our Stressed court systems would be faced with charging people, who up to this time were crime-free except for an unauthorized gun transfer under this new law.

Much of this law will be unenforceable. It's unclear how law enforcement will learn of unauthorized transfers, and in many cases it will be very challenging to disprove a claim that a transfer was temporary in nature and therefore authorized. Laws that are largely unenforceable diminish respect for the law.

Finally, how will the State account for the fiscal impact and increased pressure on the current background check system. The State's background system is already heavily burdened. This new law would significantly slow the system even more.

Respectfully Submitted

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