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Testimony in Opposition To SB 941

Chair Prozanski and Members of the Senate Judiciary Committee:

For the record I am Al Elkins representing the 10,000 member Oregon Hunters Association (OHA). We are here today in opposition to SB 941 the universal background check bill. It is our understanding that this bill would provide universal background checks that would be ineffective and would have an impact on law abiding citizens.

OHA is opposed to this bill for these reasons:

- How can this law be enforced? How will law enforcement know when the transfer actually occurred?
- The bill impacts law abiding citizens. Currently the denial rate is less than 1%. So that means that 99% of those that go through back ground checks are law-abiding citizens. Why penalize them by making those that abide by the law have to go through a costly and time consuming system?
- The bill does not contain any provisions or funding for outreach of the restrictions of this new law to Oregonians. So how are Oregonians going to know that the legal transactions with those that they have traded and sold firearms to in the past is now prevented with this legislation? They would now be treated as criminals for something that has always been legal in the past.

It is for these reasons and many more that the Oregon Hunters Association is opposed to SB 941. Please do not support SB 941.

That concludes our testimony and I would be glad to answer any questions.