

To whom it may concern.

My name is David Lewallen and I am a resident of Prairie City in Grant County Oregon.

I am writing to submit comment to the House Rules Committee in regard to B 941 which would require individuals to appear before a gun dealer to request a criminal background check prior to privately transferring a firearm. As I understand this bill, transfers include, but are not limited to, sales, gifts, loans and leases. Failure to comply with this mandate could result in stiff penalties and possible loss of an individual's right to keep and bear arms.

It is my opinion that this proposal will do nothing to reduce violent crime, and will only affect law-abiding gun owners. It will impose unnecessary mandates and restrictions on the lawful purchase and possession of firearms. It is already illegal to knowingly sell or transfer a firearm to someone classified as a prohibited person, and is a felony for a prohibited person to buy, own or possess a firearm. Criminals will pay no attention to this law. Many, now law abiding citizens, will also ignore this law, creating a whole new class of criminals. This is an ineffective and unenforceable piece of legislation that will only impact law abiding citizens. Please act to defeat this bill.