

Dear Oregon House Rules Committee: I understand you are to consider Senate Bill 941 concerning "Universal Background Checks" requiring Oregon citizens to contact the State Police to run a background check before "transferring" any kind of firearm to another Oregonian whether it be a sale, loan or gift. The proponents of this legislation maintain that, among other things, this requirement would help keep guns out of the hands of teenagers and felons. It should come as no surprise to you as lawmakers, and therefore presumably familiar with the laws of the state of Oregon, that it is already illegal for felons and teenagers to own and carry guns. Perhaps if we focused on prosecuting crimes committed under existing laws we wouldn't need more laws.

Further, as a Concealed Handgun Licensee, I have undergone an extensive background check and have my fingerprints on file with the State Police. Why is it necessary for me to undergo a "background" check for each and every gun I wish to purchase?

Finally, why is it necessary for the state to record information on the gun (make, model, serial number and caliber) if the legislature just wants to prevent the wrong people from acquiring guns?

Please vote no on this cumbersome, costly, ineffective bill!

Sincerely,

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PS: I'm sure you are aware that many cities, counties and sheriffs departments are against passage of this bill.

Steve