

Dear Representatives:

My name is Stephen Cowan and I live in Gresham, OR. I understand the Oregon House Rules Committee is considering SB941 requiring Universal Background Checks for private gun transfers. I am opposed to this bill because I believe it will greatly complicate things for law-abiding citizens while doing very little to keep guns out of the hands of those who would do harm.

I am a member of Oregon Arms Collectors. I have a Federal Firearms License as a Collector and a Concealed Handgun Permit. I received a background check to get each license. As a licensed collector I can buy a firearm, classified as a "Curio and Relic" by the Federal Government, from another person either in-state or out of state without a background check. I believe this bill could prevent me from doing that since I'm not a "dealer". I could find no exception in this bill for someone who has a Federal Firearms License as a Collector. I see no benefit to public safety for requiring me to go with a fellow member of Oregon Arms Collectors to a "dealer" and get yet another background check in order to buy a rifle from the Spanish American War.

I urge you to vote against SB 941.

Thank you,

Stephen Cowan  
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