

In regards to Senate Bill 941, 'Relating to firearms; declaring an emergency.', there is in fact an emergency. The emergency is that the Democrats in Oregon are seeking to impose their dictatorial powers upon the people of Oregon with complete disregard to the facts and due process. Senate Bill 941 is proof. The fact of the matter is a 'universal background check' will solve nothing, it will overburden the already overburdened Oregon State Police, and will turn law abiding gun owning citizens in Oregon into criminals if they do not comply with this onerous law. Would a 'universal background check' have stopped the Clackamas Town Center shooter? No.

Would a 'universal background check' have stopped the Sandy Hook shooter? No.

Would a 'universal background check' have stopped the Colorado theater shooter? No.

Would a 'universal background check' have stopped the Virginia Tech shooter? No.

Would a 'universal background check' have stopped Kip Kinkle? Again, the answer is no.

Would a 'universal background check' have stopped Charles Joseph Whitman back in 1966, if it was required? No.

There was also a statement made that a 'universal background check' would stop spontaneous suicides and "crimes of passion." Really?

If a person is hell bent on committing murder and mayhem, a spontaneous suicide, or a "crime of passion", do you really think a 'universal background check' is going to stop it? Do you really think it will?

What's next? Requiring everyone in Oregon to take the Minnesota Multiphasic Personality Inventory (MMPI)?

New York's so-called S.A.F.E. gun control act was passed, and signed into law, in the dead of night with no public input what so ever, and Senator Floyd Prozanski is trying to do the same thing here, by only allowing very limited public input. If he thought he could get away with this by not allowing public input at all, he would. The reason Senator Prozanski added the word 'emergency' to this bill is so that it will immediately become law if it passes and is signed by the governor, without the people having a chance to vote on it.

Do we really want this? Is this really needed? More laws heaped upon the laws that go unenforced? Does Senator Floyd Prozanski and the rest of his anti-gun groupies really think a 'universal background check' can predict the future and human nature?

Should this bill pass, we will become no better than Washington, Colorado, Connecticut, and California. You need to ask the Democrats why they are making it so difficult for Oregonians to exercise their Constitutionally guaranteed Second Amendment Rights in general, and why they want the populous in particular, disarmed. You also need to ask the democrats how much money they accepted from the anti-gun groups to turn a non-issue into an issue that can only be solved by their 'solution'. If the democrats perceived solution is so good, then why have a couple of sheriffs, so far, come right out and said that they will not enforce this law?

Bottom line is that the democrats are creating a problem where none has existed before so that they can impose their 'solution.', which in fact just might violate the State Constitution, as well as the Constitution Of the United States Of America. But then again, the democrats have shown their propensity for violating the Constitution and The Bill Of Rights in order to further their agenda.

This is much to important a matter to be decided by a certain few vehemently anti-gun politicians, backed by anti-gun dollars. This thinly veiled attempt at gun registration needs be voted upon by the people in the next general or special election. This is a decision that needs to be made by the people for the people, not by politicians who want to control the people.

Thank you,
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