

Dear sirs/madams:

I oppose the above bill. Although I share the concern with guns falling into the wrong hands, this would be an extension of the present background check system in Oregon and, from the OSP's figures, this system has failed. It is neither valid nor sound. Not valid, as if it identifies someone as on the prohibited list, it often puts people who are not on that list at a disability and allows those who do have a disability (are prohibited) to purchase a gun. Literally hundreds are deprived of their rights under the Oregon and US Constitution, whereas the number who should be thus disabled are as little as four.

Although not as silly as the Washington State bill of a similar nature, the transfers that it would allow and would not allow are strange, to say the least. In a civil union, one could transfer a gun to his or her partner, even if a violent felon, but a man and a woman living together, but not married, could not have a transfer unless they go through a lot of rigamarole.

You could not safely store your firearms while visiting a friend's house under the current wording of the law. If another bill, which would require the safe storing of firearms passes, we may have the absurd result of one law forbidding what another requires.

I would suggest at least amendments before the bill is passed.

Sincerely,

Dr. Fred Young