

I was unable to make it down to Salem for the testimony, so please include this information against SB941.

A 2001 study by the DOJ, I know it's outdated, but I'm not sure if there's a newer one available, shows that a survey of state and federal correctional facilities of inmates that used firearms during a crime, the majority of criminals got their guns from the following sources:

Per the 2001 study, the numbers are from 1997 (numbers are from the DOJ and don't equal 100%)

13.9% passed a background check.

39.6% used a straw purchase to have a friend or family member illegally purchase them with a background check.

39.2% either stole them or purchased them from the street.

<http://bjs.gov/content/pub/pdf/fuo.pdf>

I realize that the numbers are from 2001, that said, the violent crime rate has been on a decreasing trend since then.

In 1994, the violent crime rate was 713.6 and in 2013, the violent crime rate was 367.9, this rate has decreased year over year. Since 2001, no federal laws have been put in place making it tougher for criminals to get firearms.

[http://www.fbi.gov/about-us/cjis/ucr/crime-in-the-u.s/2013/crime-in-the-u.s.-2013/tables/1tabledatadeoverviewpdf/table 1 crime in the united states by volume and rate per 100000 inhabitants 1994-2013.xls](http://www.fbi.gov/about-us/cjis/ucr/crime-in-the-u.s/2013/crime-in-the-u.s.-2013/tables/1tabledatadeoverviewpdf/table%201%20crime%20in%20the%20united%20states%20by%20volume%20and%20rate%20per%20100000%20inhabitants%201994-2013.xls)

As you can see above from the older study, criminals either pass background checks, or they have someone else pass a background check for them, which is illegal per federal law.