

On April 14th, 2014, an inmate who had been incarcerated since 1998 "walked away" from his work crew in Philomath, OR. This occurred roughly one mile from my residence. The Benton County Sheriff's office and Dep't of Corrections search came up empty in their search to apprehend this escaped convict.

As an NRA certified instructor, I train students in the safe handling and use of firearms. My signature on a certificate of training satisfies the "Proof of Competence With a Handgun" requirement for an Oregon CHL under ORS 166.291. I spent the day talking with neighbors who had firearms and providing safety refreshers in the safe use of firearms for those who expressed interest.

The reason I am writing is to urge you to OPPOSE Senate Bill 941. This bill would make it illegal to loan, sell, or transfer a firearm to almost anyone without a background check. If this bill had already passed, any neighbor that loaned a firearm to another neighbor to protect them from the very real danger of an escaped convict would also be guilty of a felony.

Please OPPOSE Senate Bill 941. It will only serve to make criminals out of law abiding citizens.

here is the story for your reference:

<http://www.statesmanjournal.com/story/news/2015/04/14/doc-inmate-walks-away-work-crew-near-pilomath/25778617/>

thank you,

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