

Seventy-Eighth Oregon Legislative Assembly - 2015 Regular Session
STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY
House Committee On Rules

MINORITY REPORT
MEASURE: SB 941 MRB1
CARRIER: Rep. McLane

Fiscal: Fiscal impact issued

Revenue: No Revenue Impact

Action Date: 04/23/15

Action: Do Pass With Amendments And Be Printed B-Engrossed.

Meeting Dates: 04/22, 04/23

Signers of the Report: Rep. Vic Gilliam, Rep. Mike McLane

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Establishes Firearms Investigation Division (FID) within Department of State Police. FID shall have no fewer than eight full-time equivalent (FTE) Oregon State Police (OSP) troopers assigned to investigate unlawful transfers of firearms under state and federal law and assign no fewer than two FTE to engage in public education and outreach on firearms safety. Specifies components of public education and outreach.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- History of background check legislation in Oregon
- Implementation and enforcement of private firearm transfer legislation
- Internet sales of firearms
- Situational examples of private transfers between individuals
- Constitutionality of universal background checks
- Cost of implementation
- Oregon State Police background check system
- Exceptions to private transfer background check requirement
- Cost and ability to ship or deliver firearm to gun dealer
- Recent cases of gun violence
- Gun dealers responsibilities when individuals do not pass background check
- Emergency clause
- Amendments

EFFECT OF MINORITY AMENDMENT:

Replaces measure.

BACKGROUND:

Senate Bill 941-MRB1 would establish the Firearms Investigation Division (FID) within Department of State Police. The FID will be responsible for increasing investigatory capabilities of Oregon State Police (OSP) and enhancing oversight and enforcement of state and federal laws related to the unlawful transfer of firearms to individuals prohibited from possessing firearms. In addition, SB 941-MRB1 would require the FID to employ at least two public education and outreach coordinators to promote firearm safety and deter unlawful transfers of firearms and distribute firearm safety kits, including firearm locking devices to the public.