

Subject: HB4147

Please vote NO on HB4147.

The author of this bill makes the claim (insinuation?) that ANYONE can automatically receive a firearm if a background check goes beyond 3 days. This is an incorrect narrative propagated by gun-control groups, and has now apparently taken root among some political circles. However, overlooked is that the Oregon State Police has the following additional actions they can take for any background check:

1. OSP can place a delay, with an expected time line for completion, on the transfer.
2. OSP can deny the transfer.

In the case of the mass killing in Charleston, South Carolina, the motivation for this Oregon bill, the killers data in the background check system was inaccurate. As stated above, the OSP always have the action to place a hold on the check, as well as deny the transfer.

If there is true desire to do 'something', I would suggest focusing on the background check data in the system itself, as well as the review process for those delayed that should not be. Last year, there were an estimated 8,000 people in Oregon denied or delayed that did not have reason to. If this were 8,000 voters denied the ability to vote due to technicalities in the voter registration records I do not believe either political party would remain quite on a solution. We would correct the system, not eliminate safety valves that would allow people to vote.

HB4147, if passed, will remove incentive from the Oregon government and legislative body to correct problems in the current background check system in a timely manner.

If you want to fix a 'loophole', make the current system more accurate and up-to-date. This will not only close Rep. Williamsons 'Charleston Loophole', but it would be an opportunity for both sides of law-abiding citizens to come together and work on a common goal and interest that would benefit BOTH sides of the gun-control debate.

Regards,
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