



House Judiciary Committee,

Oregon Gun Owners opposes HB 4147. This bill does not address the issue that background checks are taking too long and causing a burden on law abiding citizens who are wishing to exercise their Second Amendment rights.

By not allowing a transaction be completed after a background check has been pending for three business days is essentially assuming an individual is guilty. OGO has received numerous phone calls and emails from Oregonians who were not even given a timeline as statutorily required of OSP if the check is to take longer than 30 minutes. Some of these checks have taken weeks.

The state police should first be adequately funded before we jump all the way to taking away an individual's fundamental presumption of innocence. It is abundantly clear that OSP is struggling to keep up with the volume of background checks that are conducted on a daily basis. This could be solved with more man power at OSP, but HB 4147 does not appropriate any funds to OSP.

There are alternatives available to HB 4147 that do not breach the Second and Fourteenth Amendments. Why not propose timelines for courts to submit information to the background check system on charges that would disqualify an individual from purchasing a firearm?

HB 4147 is another misguided attempt to solve issues that face our society such as gang violence and mental health. OGO encourages legislators to look beyond the easy solutions that are presented by Mr. Bloomberg and other well-funded radicals. OGO encourages legislators to craft policies that actually address the issues rather than taking out the frustrations of their failed ideology on law abiding citizens who are simply trying to exercise their rights.