

Dear Senators

I strongly oppose SB 797 which gives the Oregon State Police the power to deny a firearm's transfer, literally forever. Currently the OSP regularly delay or deny firearm's sales to buyers who are qualified to purchase. In fact, Representative Jennifer Williamson has stated that 95% of firearms transfer delays are in error. It makes no sense to delay, indefinitely, a transfer to a qualified buyer simply because OSP cannot correctly do their job. This is especially true in cases where the firearms dealer knows the buyer personally and knows he or she is qualified. I also strongly oppose SB 868. This bill would allow a person to have his rights to own a gun stripped away simply because he bought a firearm or ammunition within the last 180 days!

Most of the behavior listed in the bill as reasons to take away a person's firearms are already disqualifiers for firearm ownership but the bill also allows a person to lose his gun rights because of "unlawful and reckless ... display or brandishing of a firearm.." What exactly is "reckless display or brandishing?"

*The bill provides exactly **no** help for a person who is a danger to themselves and **no** protection for any family member who is in danger from the person whose rights will be taken. If the person who loses his or her rights is really dangerous, nothing in this bill addresses that danger.*

I urge you to vote NO on both these bills.

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