

Senators:

I ask you to oppose two bad bills your committee is now considering: SB 797 and SB 868.

SB 797 allows the OSP to indefinitely deny a legal transfer of a firearm to a qualified buyer. This is both ridiculous and patently unfair to citizens who are qualified to make such purchases. If the OSP is not properly staffed to perform the checks required by the Oregon Legislature, then it behooves the OSP and the Legislature to provide this service in a TIMELY manner.

SB 868 is both redundant in its listing of behaviors that already disqualify a person from owning a firearm but also suggests a very vague standard of "reckless display or brandishing". That is an amorphous perception that can be misused by both police and persons with an axe to grind with a gun owner. There are no advantages to this proposed bill.

I ask you to reject both of these ill-considered bills.

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