

Please make the following a part of the Legislative Record

I strongly oppose SB 797 which gives the Oregon State Police the power to deny a firearm 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. Additionally, most dealers already choose not to complete a transfer, to a buyer they do not know personally, until the background check is complete. This proposed law is unnecessary and could very well be dangerous. One possible scenario would be that if State leadership was so inclined, OSP could simply be ordered to stop processing all background checks effectively outlawing the transfer and sale of all guns!

I urge you to vote NO on SB 797

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