

Dear Ms. Arrington:

I have sent the following to each of the committee members but, just in case they are too busy to read their e-mail, please bring the contents of my note to their attention. Thank you.

Re SB 868: The lack of due process in this proposed bill is disturbing and adoption of what seems to be an unconstitutional measure will not work toward the benefit of the citizens of Oregon. Especially if the State has to defend the law, and citizens have to take legal action against it--a lose/lose proposition for both. I urge you to give this one a pass.

Re SB797: This bill will not increase public safety as firearms transfers through the existing check process do not include criminal acquisition of firearms. The process, besides this flaw, is redundant to the extreme--holders of concealed carry permits have already gone through background checks and still have to go through and pay for additional checks with every firearms purchase. If there were a problem with the individual holding a concealed carry permit, that permit would be immediately voided by the issuing sheriff's department. Additional, or indefinite, wait time for the State Police to run a background check on people who have already, in some cases, had multiple checks, serves no real purpose in preventing criminals from obtaining firearms. I urge you to also give this one a pass.

Sincerely,

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