

SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

**Department of State Police
NICS Act Records Improvement**

On May 23rd, the Public Safety Subcommittee recommended approval of the submission of a federal grant application from the Department of State Police to the U.S. Department of Justice for \$1,444,973 to improve the criminal history records that Oregon submits to the National Instant Criminal Background Check System, or NICS.

The Department of State Police proposes to use the NICS Act grant funds, if awarded, to improve the completeness of its criminal history records by locating missing court dispositions and case closure records and updating criminal case information maintained in the statewide Computerized Criminal History database. Having complete information in the criminal history database reduces delays for firearms purchasers in Oregon and nationwide.

Grant awards are expected to be announced by October 2019. If successful, the agency may need to return to the Legislature to request additional Federal Funds expenditure limitation and limited duration position authorization.

The Public Safety Subcommittee recommends approval.