Chair Bynum, Vice Chair Noble, Vice Chair Power, and members of the House Judiciary Committee, I am writing in support of HB 2543, legislation requiring background checks be completed before a firearm is purchased. We have seen the results of allowing firearms into the hands of those who should not have them. Too many people have died.

It only makes sense that if obtaining and receiving a background approval before purchasing a firearm is required by law, that the amount of time it takes to process the background approval not be a consideration. No one should be able to purchase a firearm just because it took more than 3 days to process their approval.

This measure upholds the law that everyone in Oregon is required to pass a background check before they can purchase a firearm.

Please vote to support HB 2543, which closes this loophole. Thank you.