

Dear Judiciary Committee members,

I'm writing to show my opposition to a portion of HB 2543.

In Section 1, subsection (3)(b) (Page 2, Lines 20 - 24 of the bill) it states "If the department is unable to determine if the purchaser is qualified or disqualified from completing the transfer within 30 minutes, the department shall notify the gun dealer and provide the gun dealer with an estimate of the time when the department will provide the requested information. The dealer may not transfer the firearm unless the dealer receives a unique approval number from the department." There is no time limit for the department to conclude if the person is qualified or disqualified. There needs to be a time limit so that applications can not be delayed indefinitely. In this country, we have a presumption of innocence. If the department can not come up with a legitimate reason to "disqualify" the applicant for the transfer, then the transfer needs to be approved.

This same problem exists in Section 2, subsection (3)(d)(B) (Page 5, Lines 12 - 17). Again, the department needs to have a time limit in order to serve the people and either qualify or disqualify the application and not delay the process indefinitely. If the reason the department is unable to determine qualification is because the applicant has not supplied sufficient information, then a new review period can begin once sufficient information is submitted as may be requested. But no such language exists in the proposed changes.

This bill if passed will allow the Oregon State Police to deny a citizen applications indefinitely without justification.

Thank you for your attention to this matter and for your service.

Respectfully,

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