

If the Department of State Police is unable to determine a recipient's qualification to receive a firearm then the Federal NICS system should be used. As I understand it from past reading, the only reason for keeping the background and other checks within the Oregon State Police department is to preserve the jobs of the few people doing that work. I'm sure that other work could be found for them. The overriding concern is, or should be, to provide excellent service to the citizens of Oregon who pay all state employee salaries and benefits. Holding up a transfer is simply unacceptable. If the checks cannot be done in 2 or 3 days then the transfer should be allowed without prejudice.

Further, the problems with background check laws is that they are simply not needed. They were put into place with assurances but the assurances were invalid and are proving to be so now. Background checks assume that the person receiving the firearm is guilty of some offense. Assuming guilt rather than innocence is not how the American legal system is supposed to work. Remove firearms transfer background checks.