

The presumption in the changes proposed to ORS 166.412 (HB 2543) is that the OSP should be the final arbiter of whether or not a citizen is in good standing to purchase a firearm. This is wrong and assaults the individual sovereignty expressly acknowledged in Sections 1 and 27 of the Oregon Constitution. This further violates the original intent of the statute, which was to stop known felons or unstable persons from rapidly purchasing firearms from a licensed dealer. The language of the original statute, bowing to limitations of technology in granting OSP 48 hours to a data search for convictions, has been burdensome enough to law-abiding citizens, generating loud complaints, while arguably stopping very few bad guys from acquiring a gun. The proposal to grant OSP indefinite authority to delay or hinder a firearms purchase on any pretext is a recipe for abuse. The presumption of sovereign citizens to possess the means of self-defense is our natural right; government must use the least restrictive means to identify those who through abuse of those natural rights have lost the trust of their fellow citizens. OSP does not need more than 48 hours to ID the bad guys. Please register my strong opposition to this bill.