

I am writing in support of HB 2543, closing the so called "Charleston Loophole"

The requirement that a background check be completed within three days is a dangerous and unnecessary restriction that allows illegal guns to be procured by prohibited persons. Especially in the age of a pandemic, when many governmental activities are slowed, putting a time limit on the registration process makes no sense.

We know background checks are both supported by the majority of citizens and that gun sales have skyrocketed this year. In 2020, there were 100,000 more background checks filed through the Oregon system than in 2019.

<https://www.oregon.gov/osp/Pages/firearmsdashboard.aspx>. Logically, background checks should be completed prior to purchase. Removing the three-day restriction can potentially save lives, as it would have in Charleston.