

Close the Charleston Loophole in Oregon: HB2543

In Oregon, the Firearm Instant Check System had nearly 100,000 more requests for background checks in 2020 than in 2019. In 2020, 5,807 guns were flagged by the FBI as being transferred to prohibited purchasers, more than any calendar year.

Current law allows firearm sales to proceed once three business days have elapsed, even if the buyer's criminal check is not complete. These facts together amount to more guns transferred to prohibited purchasers.

It is critical that lawmakers act swiftly to pass this bill and close the Charleston Loophole in Oregon. Oregon would join 19 other states and D.C. who give background check operators more time to complete background checks on potential gun buyers by preventing guns from being transferred to purchasers until the result of a background check is known.