

I urge you to oppose this bill. While I understand that this bill is intended to prevent crimes like the Charleston Mother Emanuel shooting, I believe it will not. It represents an infringement on the ability of the law abiding citizen to exercise their right to keep and bear arms under both the Federal, and Oregon constitutions. The current law allows a transfer after 3 business days and that represents a safeguard against government abuse and incompetence. Make the Oregon State Police correct the current Firearms Instant Check system and properly fund and staff their ability to complete the checks in three business days. Much like our desire to let a guilty person go free rather than imprison an innocent person, there must be a safeguard in place to prevent abuse of power. HB 2543 could easily be used to create a de-facto gun sales ban, by allowing the authorities to simply not provide a disposition to a gun dealer within the required timeframe. With the current desire to reform criminal justice and defund or redirect money for policiing, the need for Oregonians to obtain the tools to defend themselves has never been greater.