

Opposition to HB 3075's Permanent Firearm Ownership Database

HB 3075 includes provisions that effectively create a **permanent state database tracking firearm purchases and ownership** among permit holders. While the bill does not explicitly call this a "firearm registry," the impact is the same: it establishes an indefinite record of which firearms were purchased and who owns them, stored in a state-managed system.

Key Concerns:

- 1. Government Tracking of Law-Abiding Gun Owners**
 - HB 3075 mandates that information about each firearm purchased with a permit be permanently attached to the permit holder's record.
 - Even though background check data must be deleted after five years, **firearm purchase records will remain indefinitely**, creating a long-term tracking system.
- 2. Risk of Future Misuse**
 - Once the state compiles a comprehensive database of legal firearm owners, it opens the door for **future restrictions, monitoring, or even confiscation efforts** based on political or administrative decisions.
 - History shows that **firearm registries have been misused in other jurisdictions** to impose additional regulations or outright bans on lawful owners.
- 3. Limited Options for Removal**
 - The bill states that a firearm record can only be removed from the state's system **if proof of sale or transfer to another permit holder is provided**.
 - This means the **government controls** whether and how firearm ownership records are deleted, adding unnecessary bureaucratic oversight over private property transactions.
- 4. Creates a Two-Tiered System**
 - While this tracking system applies to **permit holders**, it is unclear how non-permit holders' firearm purchases will be handled.
 - This raises concerns that **gun owners may be pressured into the permit system** to legally buy or transfer firearms, leading to increased state surveillance over law-abiding citizens.

Conclusion:

HB 3075 goes beyond the scope of a simple permit system by implementing a **de facto firearm registry** for those who lawfully purchase firearms with a permit. This measure **unfairly targets legal gun owners, creates opportunities for future government overreach, and undermines privacy rights**. Lawmakers should **oppose this provision and any effort to create a permanent database of firearm owners in Oregon**.