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Apparently the sponsors of this bill have NEVER purchased a firearm legally in the state of OR. I have purchased firearms from a variety of local providers (Most all are small local businesses) and they are ALWAYS responsible. They are not careless with handling, transferring, or screening firearms purchasers. They cooperate with law enforcement and do everything in their power to be responsible and promote responsible firearm use, storage and handling. This measure is just another way to make it hard for them to do regular business and raise the cost for them to operate. The effect is NOT to make the public safe or reduce gun violence but to harass lawful dealers and purchasers of firearms in OR. The criminal does not buy guns at gun stores so these restrictions will NOT have any meaningful effect on crime. I think that all lawful gun owners and dealers are fully in favor of reasonable rules for firearm purchases, but this puts a significant burden on dealers who are already operating within the law and are responsible. Creating more opportunities for them to break rules due to sheer volume of rules is unnecessary unless that is the intended outcome. Current firearms laws work and there is no need to make them more restrictive. Focus on increasing penalties for criminal use of firearms and criminal possession of firearms rather than focusing on law abiding responsible parties.