

**Minority Report**  
**A-Engrossed**  
**Senate Bill 978**

Ordered by the Senate April 17  
Including Senate Minority Report Amendments dated April 17

Sponsored by nonconcurring members of the Senate Committee on Judiciary: Senators LINTHICUM, THATCHER

**SUMMARY**

The following summary is not prepared by the sponsors of the measure and is not a part of the body thereof subject to consideration by the Legislative Assembly. It is an editor's brief statement of the essential features of the measure.

Directs Department of State Police to conduct study on reporting of attempted unlawful firearm transfers and present report on findings to interim committees of Legislative Assembly related to judiciary on or before September 15, 2020.

*[Sunsets January 2, 2021.]*

**Directs Department of State Police to conduct study on recovered stolen firearms and use of firearm serial numbers in solving crimes. Directs department to report on results of study to Legislative Assembly on or before September 15, 2020.**

**Directs Department of State Police to annually report to Legislative Assembly on firearm transfer criminal background checks delayed more than 30 minutes and result after delay.**

**Directs Oregon Criminal Justice Commission to conduct study by reviewing conviction data for crimes involving stolen firearms and crimes committed by concealed handgun licensees. Directs commission to report on results of study to Legislative Assembly on or before September 15, 2020.**

**Directs Oregon Health Authority to conduct study on firearm-related deaths in comparison to all other major causes of death. Directs authority to report on results of study to Legislative Assembly on or before September 15, 2020.**

**Directs Department of Consumer and Business Services to conduct study on availability of insurance for firearm owners held strictly liable for commission of crime by unauthorized user of firearm. Directs department to report on results of study to Legislative Assembly on or before September 15, 2020.**

**A BILL FOR AN ACT**

1  
2 Relating to firearms.

3 **Be It Enacted by the People of the State of Oregon:**

4     **SECTION 1.** The Department of State Police shall conduct a study on the reporting of  
5 attempted unlawful firearm transfers under ORS 166.412 (7) and 166.436 (5) and present the  
6 results of the study, along with any recommendations for legislation, in a report to the in-  
7 terim committees of the Legislative Assembly related to the judiciary in the manner provided  
8 under ORS 192.245 on or before September 15, 2020.

9     **SECTION 2.** (1) The Department of State Police shall conduct a study on:

10     (a) The percentage of firearms reported stolen in this state that are successfully recov-  
11 ered; and

12     (b) How firearm serial numbers are used by law enforcement agencies and the extent to  
13 which firearm serial numbers are used to solve crimes in this state.

14     (2) The department shall present the results of the study described in subsection (1) of  
15 this section, along with any recommended legislative changes, in a report to the Legislative  
16 Assembly in the manner provided under ORS 192.245 on or before September 15, 2020.

**NOTE:** Matter in **boldfaced** type in an amended section is new; matter *[italic and bracketed]* is existing law to be omitted. New sections are in **boldfaced** type.

1       **SECTION 3.** The Department of State Police shall report annually to the Legislative As-  
2       sembly, in the manner provided under ORS 192.245, on:

3       (1) The number of firearm transfer criminal background checks that are delayed more  
4       than 30 minutes;

5       (2) The length of time of the delays;

6       (3) The number of delays that result in a determination that the firearm purchaser or  
7       recipient is disqualified; and

8       (4) The reasons for the determination that the firearm purchaser or recipient is dis-  
9       qualified.

10       **SECTION 4.** (1) The Oregon Criminal Justice Commission shall conduct a study by re-  
11       viewing criminal conviction data and determining:

12       (a) The number of crimes each year committed in this state in which a firearm reported  
13       stolen was involved; and

14       (b) The number of firearm-related crimes each year committed in this state by persons  
15       licensed to carry concealed handguns under ORS 166.291 and 166.292.

16       (2) The commission shall present the results of the study described in subsection (1) of  
17       this section, along with any recommended legislative changes, in a report to the Legislative  
18       Assembly in the manner provided under ORS 192.245 on or before September 15, 2020.

19       **SECTION 5.** The Oregon Health Authority shall conduct a comprehensive, comparative  
20       study on firearm-related deaths in relation to all other major causes of death in this state,  
21       and present the results of the study, along with any recommended legislative changes, in a  
22       report to the Legislative Assembly in the manner provided under ORS 192.245 on or before  
23       September 15, 2020.

24       **SECTION 6.** (1) The Department of Consumer and Business Services shall conduct a  
25       study on the availability of insurance coverage for firearm owners held strictly liable for the  
26       actions of another person who obtained the firearm without authorization and used the  
27       firearm to commit a crime.

28       (2) The department shall present the results of the study described in subsection (1) of  
29       this section, along with any recommended legislative changes, in a report to the Legislative  
30       Assembly in the manner provided under ORS 192.245 on or before September 15, 2020.

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