

Right now it takes weeks for the Oregon State Police to process a background check when someone buys a gun in Oregon. This is already totally unacceptable, as with any other constitutional right, a right delayed is a right denied. Even though OSP is taking in increased revenue to match the demand for background checks, they have failed to hire the required staff to keep up with the increased volume. What Oregon needs to do is stop doing these federally required background checks itself, and rely on the FBI NCIS department to do it for free, as most other states do. Instead, you are considering making the problem worse by allowing OSP to just indefinitely delay a background check, which is ridiculous to say the least. Even worse is that you frame it as a critical fix to prevent a mass shooting, when in reality 99.9% of the time it will just be used to violate the rights of law abiding citizens. Vote NO on HB 2543!