

Chair Bynum, Vice Chairs Noble, Power and Committee Members on  
Judiciary,

A firearm delayed is a self-defense denied. For this reason I strongly  
oppose HB 2543.

If the days of Covid-19 have taught us anything it is that taking care of our  
own lives and those of our loved ones has proven more important than  
ever! This past year we have especially been made aware of this also in  
the violence, property destruction, and lives threatened and lost over the  
past 10 months in Portland and many other cities.

In these days of many wanting to "defund the police" it is more important  
that ever that we not deny, delay, discard, or in any other way hinder law-  
abiding citizens of Oregon their "right to bear arms" through this bill or any  
other! Please uphold your oath of office and stop HB 2543 from passing  
out of committee.

Thank you.

Bruce G. Ley

I vehemently oppose this bill. The only purpose of such a bill is to provide  
an administrative tool to deny Oregonians' 2nd amendment right. There is  
nothing that prevents the state from under funding the departments  
conducting the background checks to the point where they will effectively  
never be processed and the 2nd amendment right of the average  
Oregonian will then be a thing of the past. I however have no doubt that a  
well connected individual will be able to expedite their background check. A  
maximum time limit is there to prevent such abuses. Would we accept an  
indeterminate time frame to register new voters? This is no different as it  
impacts one of our primary rights.

As Martin Luther King said " A right delayed is a right denied"

I strongly oppose this bill and all of its contents.

Buying and possessing a firearm is a constitutionally protected right to all  
Oregonians. This bill would give OSP the ability to deny that right by  
removing the already unconstitutional (up to)3 day time frame to conduct  
background checks. When would OSP have to conduct the time frame?

Where is the protection of my rights? Why is this bill even in consideration when all law makers had to take an oath to protect the constitution? Why are my lawmakers so determined to make criminals of law abiding citizens?

These concerns have always been in the back of my mind, Along with many other Oregonians. Usually we stand by in silence, but that just isn't going to happen anymore. I STRONGLY urge all lawmakers to uphold their oaths of office and kill this bill and any like it. Protect our rights, or be removed from office.