

I wish to register my opposition to HB2543. This piece of legislation appears to be an ill considered shortcut to address a problem created by the original legislation it seeks to alter. The perceived legislative intent of legislation to prevent prohibited persons from purchasing firearms by requiring background checks for most transfers necessitates an efficient and reliable system by which these determinations can be provided. The changes contemplated by HB2543 will not serve to make the background check system in Oregon more efficient in its intent. All it will accomplish is to relieve the agency responsible for conducting these checks from its duty to complete them in a timely manner.

Might I suggest that it would be more useful to the people of Oregon and to the original intent of the legislation to provide the Oregon State Police with the resources needed to perform this vital function rather than to make changes that can only lead to an even less functional system of background checks.