

This Bill opens the door to arbitrary denial of a constitutional right, without explanation, or due process, for law abiding and responsible citizens. Oregon State Police employees could, by simple inaction, bureaucratic failure or malicious intent, block a firearms purchase through indefinite delay, without appeal.

Potential gun buyers who can not legally own a firearm are not slipping through the cracks now.

I have 20 years experience as Risk Manager for a large school district in a heavily gang-influenced area. I assure you the problem is not guns purchased through any legal process. This measure would promote denial of legal access to firearms to qualified and responsible citizens, for legal purposes including self-defense.

Interfering with a constitutional right, replacing operation of law with the whims of individual state officials, is indefensible. It would also most certainly generate long and costly litigation, which the State would ultimately lose.

I share the concern about illegal use of firearms, expressed in other testimony. This Bill would have no impact on criminals. It would invite improperly and unconstitutionally restricting legal activity by honest citizens. By removing any pressure to act, perhaps even rewarding sloth, it encourages inefficiency.