

I am submitting this testimony to support passage of HB2543. I believe strongly that a complete background check is essential to avoid guns being purchased by criminals and abusers. In Oregon, 97% of background checks are quickly resolved, but the 3% that are not resolved need additional time to assure an appropriate sale. In addition, in Oregon, the Firearm Instant Check System had nearly 100,000 more requests for background checks in 2020 than in 2019. This can result in a backlog, and a background check that surpasses the current three day limit. HB2543 would assure that the process of the background check is complete, thus providing an additional level of safety to families, spouses, partners and other individuals at risk of gun violence.

Thank you for your service to the people of Oregon, and for the support of measures that assure the safety of its citizens.