

This is a step in the wrong direction, If the state is going to require federally-licensed firearms dealers to have to go through Oregon State Police for background checks (unlike other states, that allows dealers to use the fairly fast and reliable federal NICS background check system), then the State of Oregon needs to fix their problem of absurdly long delays. I have known folks with no criminal or mental health history who have been delayed on background checks for firearms for weeks (and in some cases, months). This bill allows the Oregon State Police to side-step their responsibility to conduct these background checks in a timely manner, and penalizes the person who is trying to legally purchase a firearm. Currently, through bureaucratic incompetence, law-abiding people are being unduly delayed in exercising their right to keep and bear arms (MLK's "A right delayed is a right denied" suddenly leaps to mind). If this bill passes, the problem will become much worse.