

Pass this bill. It is time to close the Charleston Loophole. Violent offenders and convicted domestic abusers should not be able to bypass our laws. About 96% of background checks in Oregon are cleared in minutes. (<https://www.oregon.gov/osp/programs/cjis/pages/firearms-instant-check-system.aspx>) When a purchase is denied, almost 90% of the time it is because the person is a felon or other offender. This bill won't prevent someone lawfully allowed to purchase a gun to do so.

Gun violence is on the rise in Oregon. In January 2021, there were 103 shootings in Portland (compared to 50 in January 2020). (<https://www.portlandoregon.gov/police/81203>) It seems like almost daily there is news of another shooting, another dead Oregonian. Extending the background check time past three days might cause a minor inconvenience to a few lawful gun purchases, but it will save lives.

As a lifelong Oregonian, a parent, a community member, I am asking you to pass this to keep Oregonians safe.