

To the layperson, the only cause of a possible delay in completing a background check would be a shortage of personnel. If this state can find the money for hiring 80 additional people and add hundreds of extra phone lines to get caught up with the massive influx of COVID-caused unemployment claims, it can find the money to increase the OSP's efficiency in processing background checks. Failure to do so amounts to holding the Second Amendment rights of American citizens hostage. It's not OK for this state's supermajority legislators to ordain policies that indulge their favored constituents, by marginalizing the remaining citizens and impinging on the rights granted them by the Constitution of the United States. It is common knowledge that, in general, the supermajority's tactic is to obstruct by overburdensome regulatory restrictions, to the point that the area or item targeted for control, becomes useless. The members of this august body were elected to be the voice of all Oregonians, not just the liberal progressive ones.