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HB3076 is a bill that the state simply doesn't need. Our state firearms dealers are subject to already strict federal standards regarding the sale, storage, and records keeping regarding firearm sales, contrary to the misinformation by Alliance For A Safe Oregon who imply the contrary through false statistics and deceitful information. They assert that the state's firearm dealers are the go to source for criminal acquisition of firearms-this is simply not true. Oregon firearm dealers go to great lengths to ensure firearms are transferred lawfully. Regarding the straw purchase, whilst these do unfortunately happen they are not at the epidemic levels as implied by the Alliance For A Safe Oregon.

This bill is disingenuous as it will not increase gun safety, will not prevent criminals obtaining firearms because the gun dealer is not the place criminals to go to buy a firearm, as you have to show ID and pass a background check to obtain a firearm. What this bill will do is add additional layers of bureaucracy to dealers which will increase their costs and drive them out of business. When you consider the majority party's rank contempt for the state's lawful gun owners and dealers, perhaps this is by design. If I may make a suggestion, if the state feels dealer inspections are not frequent enough and wants to inspect a gun dealer just use the federal standard. This will have no adverse effect on the dealer regarding its costs, and the state gets the peace of mind knowing more frequent inspections are being made. A dealer subject to state inspection found to be in non compliance can be reported to the BATFE.