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This is another unfunded mandate that is not needed. The “logic” behind this measure is that firearms used in crimes have been traced back to dealers. Of course they have. The way the trace system works is the manufacturer is contacted who sold it to a distributor, who sold it to a dealer, who sold it to a person. Sometimes that trace is relevant. The gun was used by the person it was sold to, or it was sold recently. But the vast majority of those traces show it was sold to someone years or even decades before. There is no way a dealer could know that the firearm they sold to a person who passed a background check would be used in a crime 17 years later. For the trace reports that are recent, or dealers who are identified as frequent contributors, LE already have the tools needed to investigate those crimes without another expensive licensing scheme. Oregon State Police have not been able to consistently keep up with the backlog of background checks that presently can last for days, or longer. They should take care of their current responsibilities before adding new ones.