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HB 3076 is a solution in search of a problem. It is another waste of time and money that Oregon does not have.

All FFL holders are already licensed and inspected by the FBI. It is very telling that almost every single written testimony in support of this bill has wording which indicates the submitter incorrectly believes that FFL's are not licensed, so obviously they don't even know what the "L" in FFL stands for.

If legislators feel that ATF has not been inspecting Oregon based FFL's enough, then just arrange to provide state employees to help ATF conduct more inspections. That will accomplish the same thing and at less cost than if the state implements its own licensing requirements top of ATF's.

The state does not have a good track record with taking over responsibilities that the feds already conduct. For example, since legislators required all firearms background checks to be processed by OSP instead of the FBI, the background check processing queue has been up to as high as 4 weeks! And that 4 weeks is for everybody, because someone apparently decided that people with concealed handguns licenses (who already went through more stringent background checks) would no longer go to the head of the line. And during that same period, the FBI was consistently bend able to conduct near instantaneous background checks in other states 92 percent of the time, and 72 hour background checks 98 percent of the time. And instead of the legislature mandating that the governor assign more OSP staff to the background check office in order to process the checks within 72 hours, some legislators are now proposing instead to prohibit transfer of all firearms until background checks are complete. Legislators that allow that to continue punish the firearm purchaser, mock their 2nd amendment rights, and continue to give OSP and the governor a pass so that they can take all the time they want to perform background checks.

You want to pass a bill that matters? Then require OSP and the governor to ensure that background checks are processed within 72 hours. The only reason the U.S. Congress was able to pass the background check law in the 1980s was because the law also mandated that the FBI conduct background checks within 72 hours. The Oregon legislature had OSP take over those background checks from the FBI, so its on you to add the 72 mandate on OSP.

We have far bigger problems in this state than wasting time and money on this bill... our embarrassing public education system, homelessness, and housing affordability.

THAT is what most of you campaigned on. And anyone with half a brain knows that Dan Rayburn is one of the biggest anti gun officials in Oregon state government, so sending his DOJ a mandate to “study” if the state needs to have its own licensing of FFL’s is guaranteed to result in him deciding that it does.

Thank you.