

Submitter: Ron Hyde
On Behalf Of:
Committee: House Committee On Judiciary
Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB3076

To my representatives: As a constituent, voter, and taxpayer in the state of Oregon I strongly OPPOSE this measure for a number of reasons, all with great logic, reasoning, and merit. So much so they cannot be expressed within the 4000 character limit of this testimony so I will just point out a couple of the blatantly obvious reasons. I need you to look at this from a resource and fiscal perspective. It's no secret Oregon has a budget problem, and these are just a couple of reasons this bill is a waste of resources and funds. One is redundancy, I have to assume neither the authors or sponsors are aware of the process and oversight that the FBI already conducts in order for a person to obtain a FFL (Federal Firearms License), and subsequent additional requirements depending on types of weaponry to be sold. The FBI conducts a thorough background check, they pay you a physical visit to review the place of business to ensure it complies with all rules and regulations, submit transactions electronically and keep paper copies along with finger prints on file in a secure location, subject to inspection at anytime. The FBI already has ALL OF THE BASES COVERED when it comes to obtaining an FFL license, anything an Oregon organization could do would be REDUNDANT, a complete waste of time and resources. Second, unless you charge an exorbitant fee (which would be another reason to oppose this) there is no way this process would be fiscally self sustaining. In order to fund this negative cash flow machine you would have to take a significant amount of funds from elsewhere, but where? You have a 20 billion dollar PERS hole to fill, spend it there instead. The only reason this agency would exist is to deny someone a federally approved right to conduct business. Simply put, it is a very expensive and unnecessary road block. For all of the reasons mentioned above (and more) I am requesting my representatives OPPOSE this bill. It is redundant, costly, ineffective, and a waste of already strained resources. I feel this bill has been proposed with vindictive motives in mind, a "backdoor" option to shut down gun shops at the states whim. It's no secret that I live in an anti-2nd ammendment state, and the sole reason this bill was created was to be given a tool to shut down legitimate businesses. There is no other logical reason for such a bill to even be authored, let alone passed. Our founding fathers wrote one of histories most significant, well thought out documents in human history. The second ammendment is there just in case the first one isn't working out, and provides a tool to ensure the rest.

Sincerely, Ron H.