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I am submitting testimony in opposition to HB3076. I worked as a law enforcement officer for nearly thirty years and was responsible for teaching the use of firearms and use of force to officers and have also taught responsible firearm use to private citizens.

The Federal Government already regulates and issues licenses to sell firearms, Federal Firearms Licenses. These holders of Federal Firearm Licenses are required to go through an application process which includes submitting fingerprints, photographs and going through a background check and an interview. The results are then reviewed and a determination is made on the issuance of the license. The state of Oregon becoming involved in the licensing and regulation would be redundant and tie up tax payer money when it could be spent elsewhere. The State Police are already overburdened with responsibilities and requirements to enforce, regulate and investigate. This will simply increase the burden on already scarce resources needed to enforce laws and investigate crimes.

Federal Firearm License holders would also have to comply with another agency doing the same thing. They may also have to change their business practices to comply with new regulations that do nothing to solve any crime problem but simply add to their burden. Further they will be required to pay more money to stay in business to satisfy more regulations that do nothing to solve any problems.

The end result will be that the only businesses that will be able to absorb the cost of staying in business will be the larger corporations leaving few if any locally owned businesses selling firearms. I always thought Oregon was proud of locally owned businesses and went out of its way to support and assist local businesses over corporations from out of state.