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On Behalf Of:  
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I appreciate the opportunity to submit testimony in opposition to Senate Bill 243-1. While I acknowledge the intent of the bill to study the efficiency of firearm transfer background checks, I have concerns that this legislation could lay the groundwork for unnecessary government expansion and increased restrictions on law-abiding gun owners.

Concerns with SB 243-1:

1. Unclear Legislative Purpose: The bill directs the Department of State Police to study background check processes but does not specify the issues prompting this review. Oregon already has strict background check laws under Measure 114, and additional studies could serve as a precursor to more restrictive policies that burden responsible gun owners rather than addressing actual crime rates ?.
2. Potential for Administrative Overreach: There is no indication in the bill that the study will examine inefficiencies in existing delays, such as processing backlogs. Without this focus, the study risks becoming a justification for more restrictive firearm policies instead of improving the process for lawful purchasers ?
3. Unnecessary Use of Resources: Oregon has other pressing public safety concerns, including rising crime and law enforcement funding shortages. Allocating resources to study an already well-regulated process could divert attention from more urgent matters, such as addressing illegal gun trafficking and enforcing existing laws ?.
4. Risk of Future Gun Control Measures: While this bill may seem neutral, it opens the door for further firearm restrictions by creating a legislative report that could be used to justify additional laws infringing on Second Amendment rights. Without clear safeguards against biased policy recommendations, this study could be weaponized against law-abiding citizens

Conclusion:

For these reasons, I urge the committee to reject SB 243-1. Instead of another study on background checks, I encourage the legislature to focus on enforcing existing laws and addressing crime prevention strategies that target criminals, not responsible gun owners.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Cody Frazier