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I am in opposition to this bill. Originally SB 243 was a placeholder bill for to requires the Department of State Police to study the efficiency of firearm transfer criminal background. checks. Approximately 24 hours before the hearing Chair Senator Prozanski pulls the ultimate "bait & switch."

Surprise SB243-1 now becomes the omnibus bill combining SB 429 (Mandatory 72 hr wait after background check the right to purchase after background check, then after approval comes back and adds purchase permit to purchase) SB697 (Prohibits possession under 21 of handguns and semi-auto rifles, and shotguns). HB 3693 (Property Restrictions) and SB696. this is the ultimate skullduggery to Oregonians. It was obvious that the red shirt brigade knew there would be an amendment ahead of time and they showed up in force.(They are a national organization and should be in the lobbyist category where they should testify as a lobby and not as individuals. The red shirt brigade (Mothers Demand Action) brought up the 1998 Thurston High shooting (which is a tragedy but, Kip Kinkel was severally mentally ill. During the year before the shooting, Kinkel displayed increasingly aberrant behavior and a heightened fascination with weapons and death, leading his parents to take him to a psychologist, who diagnosed Kinkel with major depressive disorder. Kinkel's parents had not disclosed any histories of mental illness in their families, and Kinkel himself had not told anyone about having heard voices urging him to violence since he was 12, out of fear of being ostracized or institutionalized. After incarceration he was additionally diagnosed with paranoid schizophrenia and began taking anti psychotic medication. (There was an incident the day before and school officials did not deal with it) The elephant in the room is mental illness not guns and the party with the super majority is ignoring mental illness.

This bill is just another way to boot strap an agenda to run gun dealers out of business, penalize law abiding conceal carrying citizens, obliterate the Second Amendment and impact lower income families who cannot afford the permit fee's. Thank you Sen. Prozanski, Manning, and Broadman.