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Re: HB 3074 (without amendments OPPOSE

HB 3074 (as written w/o amendments) proposes that the Oregon State Police (OSP) conduct a study on how to make background checks more efficient.

Or is it really on how to make it more difficult to purchase and own a firearm by advising the legislature to adopt laws or regulations to make it harder to purchase and own a gun and further restrict concealed carry applications? That way they won't have to deal with so many background checks.

Studies are a waste of time in most cases and politically tainted towards the pre-determined outcome.

Measure 114 and a variety of 2025 legislation bills, if passed, will complicate background checks tremendously.

The background check system was not a problem until Measure 114 barely passed by the skin of its teeth. What the OSP really needs is relief from the problems of Measure 114 and bills that may pass this year. Not only will they have to verify compliance with their requirements for a permit and training which will increase the work load even more, and do criminal background checks as well.

And waste their time on arresting people for so called large capacity magazines instead of traffic control and crime.

Would more modern computer systems help? Not necessarily. We have been down that road before when the state spent \$82 million on Cover Oregon that couldn't enlist even one person for health care or when \$15 million was spent on the Employment Department's computer system glitch.

What the legislature needs to do is delete the requirements of Measure 114 and reject all current firearm related bills and PRESTO! Back to normal pre-Measure 114. Later on, the OSP could request the authority to seek quotes for an updated system which would be at a much lower cost than one that complies with M114.

In the meantime, the OSP must start doing their job according to ORS 166.412. They are required to investigate persons who illegally applied for a background check due to false information, criminal background or otherwise unqualified, and refer them for prosecution and submit an annual report which will give the legislature a better

understanding of what needs to be done.

“Politics is the art of looking for trouble, finding it, misdiagnosing it, and then misapplying the wrong remedies.” – Groucho Marx