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While I understand the desire to ensure public safety, this bill presents significant concerns that deserve careful consideration.

1. This bill creates unnecessary delays for individuals who comply with all legal requirements to purchase a firearm. For many, firearms are not just a recreational tool but a necessary means for self-defense. Imposing a mandatory waiting period of 72 hours could hinder individuals from accessing protection when they need it most.

2. Requiring gun dealers to adhere to extended waiting periods and rely on precise timelines for background check approvals places additional strain on businesses. This could result in increased costs, longer processing times, and potential errors, ultimately affecting both dealers and customers.

3. Studies have shown mixed results on whether mandatory waiting periods effectively reduce gun-related violence or crime. Without clear data to support this measure, the imposition of waiting periods risks creating more obstacles than solutions.

4. This legislation is an infringement on the constitutional rights of citizens to purchase and own firearms. Protecting these rights must remain a priority, and measures should aim to balance safety without compromising individual freedoms.

In conclusion, this is not an evidence-based approach but one that ignores one of our most important Oregon and United States Constitutional rights to pander to a base that just wants *something* done without any regards to what that something is or if that something has ever even proven effective before.

Any person who cherishes our constitutional rights as well as scientific and data-based, reasonable and logical approaches to public safety issues should absolutely vote against this bill.