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Senate Bill 429's mandatory 72-hour firearm purchase waiting period penalizes law-abiding citizens without reducing crime. Criminals bypass legal channels, obtaining guns illegally, while the bill burdens lawful buyers. Vulnerable individuals (e.g., domestic violence victims) face dangerous delays in accessing protection during emergencies.

The rule applies even to pre-owned firearms, harming rural residents needing timely purchases for hunting or predator control. Arbitrary waiting periods infringe on Second Amendment rights, lacking evidence they reduce violence. Similar laws face legal challenges for overreach.

Instead of targeting lawful gun owners, Oregon should prosecute illegal trafficking and violent offenders. SB 429 prioritizes ineffective symbolism over practical solutions.