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This prohibition and waiting period of 72 hours to transfer a firearm infringes on the RIGHTS of law-abiding gun purchasers and owners. Several studies have shown that waiting-period laws increase homicides and mandatory purchase delays DID NOT significantly reduce total or firearm homicides. Cohort studies of handgun owners in California have found that the risk of firearm suicide was highest IMMEDIATELY following the end of the state's mandated waiting period, how then does a 72-hour hold reduce or prevent suicide? Oregon legislators believe that waiting periods may provide law enforcement with opportunities to investigate possible straw purchases, but in all reality, we do not even have enough law enforcement personnel to solve regular criminal activity such as robbery, auto-theft, petty crime, drug possession and the like. The majority of prohibited possessors who perpetrate gun violence acquire their firearms from social acquaintances or the black market; thus, a large portion of violent gun crime is unlikely to be affected through this mechanism only serving to negatively impact law-abiding gun owners. Waiting periods do not change the background check process; no additional investigative measures are taken no matter how long of a waiting period is imposed. This bill will only serve to put individuals in danger—such as a domestic violence victims who need immediate protection but are forced to wait for arbitrary reasons. I STRONGLY OPPOSE THIS BILL.