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The Oregon State Police conduct background checks on all purchasers of firearms or receivers parts that are serialized). Background checks have been conducted on all FFL. To require a 72-hour additional wait period will do nothing to make a time 'safer.' Background checks for purchases can take a few hours to a week or more depending on the backlog. An additional wait is simply a road block, nothing more. Further restrictions on LEGAL gun ownership and legally concealed handguns will not make the world safer. Criminals don't follow the laws of Oregon now. Making legitimate things or actions 'illegal' will not make criminals toe the line but rather make regular law abiding citizens, criminals. I am a retired police officer having served 35 years. I never feared law abiding citizens but rather those who were criminals and who ignored even basic laws that we all could agree on; theft, robbery, burglary, assault, rape, murder etc. To truly believe these proposed changes will somehow save lives is to believe in a fantasy. Making me or someone else a criminal because 'you' think these changes are good, is actually 'wrong.' My rights? You are not representing 'my rights' but rather making it easier for law abiding citizens to be victimized by criminals and the state who is trying to erode my freedoms.