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Background Check Delay Fact Sheet.

Recently many Oregon gun dealers are reporting extremely long wait times to connect to the Oregon State Police in order to conduct background checks for firearms purchases. In some cases, it has taken hours to connect for a single transaction. The problem at gun shows is even more pronounced where dealers are relying on cell phones. In addition to the damage this is doing to dealers attempting to do business, this creates an undue burden for people attempting to make purchases.

Furthermore, there has been a significant increase in unjustified "delays" or "pends" after a long period of decline in this problem. There are currently two bills in the Oregon legislature that could solve this problem by ending the State Police involvement in background checks conducted by licensed dealers and turning this responsibility over to NICS, who also *do not* charge for checks.

All legislators can be reached at this number 1-800-332-2313

The House version of the bill is:

HB 2791

The chairs of the House Judiciary Committee and the people who could make this bill happen are:

Representative Jeff Barker Capitol Phone: 503-986-1428

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The Senate Version of the bill is:

SB 934

The Chair of the Senate Judiciary Committee and the person who could make the Senate bill happen is:

Senator Floyd Prozanski Capitol Phone: 503-986-1704

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The State Police have requested a large fee increase with the following bill:

SB 5538 Increases fees for background checks on gun purchases from \$10 to \$26.00. Increases fingerprint fees for CHL's from \$15.00 to \$29.00.

If you are delayed or denied for a firearms purchase, the State Police challenge line is 503-373-1808 EX 327. Calls to this line used to be returned promptly. In recent months calls to this line <u>HAVE NOT</u> been promptly returned.

If your calls are not responded to, contact David Yandell, Oregon State Police ID Unit. 503-378-3055 x55000