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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, where dealers are relying on cell phones, is even more pronounced. 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 is currently a bill 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, which also *does not* charge for checks.

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

The bill is HB 2791. This bill is scheduled for a hearing on April 19th. Please contact your House Rep and request support for the bill.

A Senate version of the bill, SB 934, is most likely dead for this session.

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 *HAVE NOT* been promptly returned.

If your calls are not responded to, contact David Yandell, Oregon State Police ID Unit. 503-378-3055 EX55000