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Universal Background Check Bill Rushed Through Committee With Little Public Input

Salem, OR - Today, the Senate Judiciary Committee held a public hearing on Senate Bill 941 which would create a universal background check system in Oregon.

The bill will likely pass out of the Judiciary Committee on a party line vote on April 2nd, after being introduced on March 26th. This means that the bill will just have six business days for the public to submit comments. Only one day has been set aside to consider any changes to the bills.

"My office alone has received hundreds of calls and thousands of emails opposing SB 941," explained Senator Thatcher. "The bill is being unfairly rushed through the legislative process denying Oregonians their right to comment on the bill or to make any changes. We haven't even had enough time to read the hundreds of pieces of testimony submitted to the Legislature on the bill."

SB 941 is scheduled for a work session on April 2nd. If you would like to submit testimony on the bill you may email it to Jeff Rhoades, Judiciary Committee counsel by 5:00pm today. If you are not able to send your testimony in time, you may email it to Senator Thatcher's office.

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