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Oregon Progressive Party Position on Bill at 2017 Session of Oregon Legislature:

SB 797: Support

Dear Committee:

The Oregon Progressive Party supports this bill, which:

- Prohibits transfer of firearm by gun dealer or private party if Department of State Police is unable to determine whether recipient is qualified to receive firearm.
- Requires Department of State Police to notify United States Attorney for District of Oregon and all state and local law enforcement agencies with jurisdiction when, during criminal background check performed by gun dealer prior to transfer of firearm, department determines that recipient is prohibited from possessing firearm.
- Requires department to notify attempted unlawful purchaser's probation officer or court that issued protective order, if applicable.
- Requires department to make notification within 24 hours unless investigation would be compromised.
- Requires law enforcement agency or prosecuting attorney's office receiving notification to report to department on action taken after notification and outcome of action.
- Requires department to publish written report detailing attempted unlawful purchases, including information on investigations and criminal prosecutions.
- Modifies definition of relationship status pertaining to types of court orders and misdemeanor convictions that cause person to be prohibited from possessing firearms.
- Provides that conviction for stalking causes person to be prohibited from possessing firearm unless person obtains relief from prohibition.
- Punishes unlawful possession by maximum of one year's imprisonment, \$6,250 fine, or both.

These are common sense provisions to help protect the public from persons who are not allowed to possess guns.

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