

# Supporters push additional gun control

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SALEM — Supporters of expanded gun sale background checks are renewing their push for legislation in the Oregon capitol this week.

The Oregon Alliance for Gun Safety and the national group Americans for Responsible Solutions, founded by former U.S. Rep. Gabrielle Giffords and her husband Mark Kelly, are bringing medical professionals to the capitol Tuesday to lobby for background checks before Internet and other person-to-person gun sales.

Oregonians already must pass background checks in order to purchase firearms at licensed dealers and gun shows. It is illegal for people in the state to have firearms if they are convicted felons, or were civilly committed to a psychiatric treatment facility or prohibited by a court from having firearms due to mental illness.

Although private individuals can request a state background

check before transferring a gun to another person, such checks are not required.

"That loophole does allow people to buy guns, no questions asked, without a background check," said Mark Prentice, press secretary for Americans for Responsible Solutions.

Nine other states and the District of Columbia already require people to pass background checks before purchasing guns online or directly from another person, although two of the states — Maryland and Pennsylvania — only extended that requirement to handgun sales.

Sen. Floyd Prozanski, D-Eugene, is drafting legislation that could be introduced by the end of this month to expand the requirement for background checks to Internet and person-to-person sales.

After the November election, Democrats in the Legislature said the outlook to expand background checks was better in 2015 than it had been in years because of their expanded

majorities in both chambers and voters' approval of a similar expansion in Washington. Democrats attempted unsuccessfully to pass a handful of gun-related bills in 2013, after shootings in December of 2012 at Clackamas Town Center and Sandy Hook Elementary School in Newtown, Conn. In 2014, they tried again to pass a bill to expand background checks to include private gun transfers but the bill ran into opposition from Sen. Betsy Johnson, D-Scappoose and Senate Republicans and ultimately died in committee.

At this point in the session, lawmakers have fewer options to introduce new legislation but Sen. Ginny Burdick, D-Portland, said the proposal to expand background checks will be introduced as a priority bill.

"I'm optimistic about its chances," Burdick said. Lawmakers do face some deadlines, including that they must post notice of a work session on a bill by April 10.

Prozanski said he is draft-

ing legislation based on the 2014 bill to expand background checks, with some amendments to provide even broader exemptions when guns are transferred among family members. He said background checks are effective at keeping guns out of the hands of people who should not have them, but state law currently contains a major loophole.

"So in the parking lot of a gun show, on the Internet, in your backyard, everywhere, those (sales), are currently not required to have a background check," Prozanski said.

Prozanski is a former deputy district attorney who also experienced the impact of gun violence in the early 1970s, when his older sister was murdered by her boyfriend. The family lived in Texas, and Prozanski was in high school at the time. His sister was trying to leave her boyfriend, who was a drug dealer.

"The guy that killed her had a gun, of course, and he was a felon," Prozanski said.

Prozanski said he is a gun

owner, but considers background checks for all non-family transfers to be "a reasonable step."

In addition to the background check expansion, Prozanski's bill will likely have two other components. One would broaden the existing provision on mental illness, to begin requiring judges to decide whether people mandated to receive outpatient mental health treatment should be allowed to keep their weapons.

"What we're going to do is just have the court make a determination when someone is ordered into outpatient treatment for mental health, whether they should have access to firearms during their mental health crisis," Prozanski said.

The bill would also codify former Gov. John Kitzhaber's policy that required the Oregon State Police to notify local law enforcement when someone who cannot legally purchase a gun, such as a felon, attempts to do so. Kitzhaber adopted the policy after Senate Repub-

lican Leader Sen. Ted Ferrioli, R-John Day, sent a letter to the governor pointing out OSP has authority to follow up on failed background checks. A spokeswoman for Senate Republicans said they would wait to comment until more specific information on the planned legislation is available.

It's unclear whether gun control supporters have enough support to push through other priorities this session, such as yet-to-be-introduced legislation that would make it a crime for an adult to leave a firearm in a location where a child can access it.

Jake Weigler, a spokesman for the Oregon Alliance for Gun Safety, said 27 other states and the District of Columbia have laws under which "basically you are criminally negligent if you leave your weapon unlocked and your child gets access to it."

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# Dog bite; assault; DUII accident; out of control juvenile

## Dispatch Log

### March 9

5:52 a.m. Cell 911 for Enterprise ambulance.  
9:37 a.m. Dog bite complaint in rural Joseph.  
9:49 a.m. St. Bernard found in rural Enterprise. Reunited with owner.  
1:58 p.m. Follow-up investigation.  
3:18 p.m. Traffic stop in Joseph.  
3:48 p.m. Dog as a public nuisance complaint in Joseph.  
5:49 p.m. Rural Wallowa traffic stop.  
8:29 p.m. 911 call for ambulance in Wallowa.

### March 10

Cell 911 public assist for stuck vehicle.

## FOR THE RECORD

11:38 a.m. 911 for ambulance in Joseph.

2:38 p.m. Darrel Wayne May, 46, Lostine, cited and released on assault-4 charge stemming from 3/8/15 incident.

6:20 p.m. Life Line requesting ambulance in Wallowa.

### March 11

8:32 a.m. Dog at large in rural Joseph.

10:26 a.m. Ambulance call for rural Joseph.

1:15 p.m. Controlled burn in Wallowa.

1:50 p.m. 911 requesting ambulance in rural Joseph.

2:09 p.m. 911 reporting an assault in Enterprise.

3:03 p.m. Report of soliciting in Enterprise.

4:46 p.m. Barking dog complaint in Enterprise.

5:48 p.m. Safe Guard security reporting a burglary alarm at Enterprise business.

6:05 p.m. Loose calf in rural Enterprise.

7:56 p.m. After receiving 911 call reporting motor vehicle hitting bicyclist, police arrested Charles Dennis Anderson, 70, Enterprise. Charged with DUII and careless driving contributing to an accident.

10:26 p.m. Welfare check in Enterprise.

### March 12

8:59 a.m. Public assist.

10:17 a.m. Civil dispute in Enterprise.

10:50 a.m. Agency assist.

3:55 p.m. Agency assistance in Enterprise.

4:30 p.m. Request for welfare check in Enterprise.

5:35 p.m. Barking dog complaint in Enterprise.

9:58 p.m. Traffic stop in rural Joseph.

9:59 p.m. Joseph 911 for Enterprise ambulance at Wallowa Lake.

### March 13

9:03 a.m. 911 for ambulance in rural Enterprise.

2:15 p.m. 911 reporting smoke on Alder Slope.

4:18 p.m. Report of controlled burn in rural Enterprise.

8:04 p.m. Lost black and white German Wirehaired Pointer in Joseph.

10:12 p.m. Non-emergency 911 from Joseph.

### March 14

3:01 a.m. 911 report of domestic in rural Enterprise.

11:51 a.m. Complaint of dog as public nuisance in Enterprise.

2:57 p.m. Complaint of out of control juvenile in Enterprise.

6:19 p.m. Information call in Enterprise.

9:05 p.m. Theft complain in Joseph.

### March 15

3:53 911 report of rural Wallowa fire.

9:12 a.m. Public assist in Enterprise.

10:21 a.m. Report of Joseph burglary.

11:57 a.m. Information, Joseph.

6:52 p.m. 911 non-emergency call from Lostine.

11:01 p.m. Enterprise public assist.

## Circuit Court

### March 11

Gary Earl Stubblefield, 54, Enterprise, pleaded guilty to one count of wildlife violation. Sentenced to three years loss of hunting license, letter of apology, fined \$435.

Corey Nathaniel Holt, 26, Enterprise, pleaded guilty to delivery of marijuana. Sentenced to 24 months supervised probation, 15 days Work Crew and fined \$850.

Jeffrey Harrison Hull, 30, Elgin, pleaded guilty to 1st degree forgery, sentenced to 24 months supervised probation, 10 days jail, fines. Pled guilty to identity theft. Sentenced to 24 months supervised probation, 10 days jail, total of \$1,466.83 fines, court fees, restitution on both charges.

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Mr. Sykes and I have never met or talked nor has he even been to my place and seen how I handle, treat and care for my animals or know the costs and budgets of my business so why does he need and desire to tell me how to think and feel and how I should do my job?

If he truly appreciated and admired the Canadian gray wolf why is he helping to set the wolf up for failure in a settled 2015 landscape while envisioning the landscape and timber wolf of the 1915 era?

I believe his closing with the public land grazing issue shows the true agenda and it has nothing to do with the wolf other than using it as a pawn to try and destroy and ruin the economics and lives of those of us that make up the livestock industry.

Lori Butterfield  
Joseph

## Motive unknown in fox's killing

### To the Editor:

Can you please answer me this? What sort of person would rather see a whimsical cayenne-red fox shot dead and hanging from a barbed-wire fence than cavorting with its kits in a field of buttercups?

The fox den on the Ant Flat Road is a source of delight — and

a photographic destination — for many who walk/bike by it on a regular basis.

I felt sick and sad at yesterday's sighting — a fairly common human reaction to wanton killing. And while I don't condone the quaint local custom of sport-shooting such "varmints" as badgers and coyotes, I can understand a rancher's rationale for wanting to do so.

But a fox? I'll wager the majority of humans have never even seen one in the wild. It's akin to declaring open season on unicorns.

The only reason I can fathom for someone to so cavalierly snuff out such a blithe spirit is because he's jealous of its freedom.

C.M. Sterbentz  
Enterprise

## Requesting items related to Oregon

### To the Editor:

Dear Readers — Hello! I am a fifth grade student in Washington state. In fifth grade at our school, we do state reports and I have chosen your state! I am very excited to learn more about the great state of Oregon as I work on my report.

Most of the information that we get for our reports will be from books and encyclopedias. We also like to get information from people who live in the state, too. This is why I am writing to you. I was hoping that you would be willing to send me some items to help me with my report. It could be things like

postcards, maps, pictures, souvenirs, general information, this newspaper article, or any other items that would be useful. I appreciate anything you can send!

Thank you for taking time to read my letter. I appreciate you considering my request for help. Anything you can provide would be great! I am very excited about my report on your state!

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