SENATE MINORITY REPORT AMENDMENTS TO SENATE BILL 519

May 5

President Courtney:

A minority of your Committee on Commerce and Workforce Development, to whom was referred Senate Bill 519, having had the same under consideration, respectfully reports it back with the recommendation that it do pass with the following amendments:

On page 1 of the printed bill, line 2, after "opinions" insert "; and providing that this Act shall be referred to the people for their approval or rejection".

After line 2, insert:

"Whereas employers are the economic drivers in Oregon; and

"Whereas communications made by employers are essential to operations; and

"Whereas public policy has a direct effect on both employers and employees; now, therefore,".

Delete lines 4 through 29 and delete page 2 and insert:

"**SECTION 1. It is declared that it is the public policy of the State of Oregon that:**

"(1) The state shall not interfere in communications between employers and employees;

"(2) The state shall not restrict the free speech communications of an employer;

"(3) The state shall not restrict the rights of an employer to communicate to the employees of the employer about how political matters or the activities of labor organizations could affect the activities of the employees or the employer, or the functions of the employer or the employees; and

"(4) The state shall not restrict or limit any communication of religious matters by employers with a religious focus.

"**SECTION 2. This 2009 Act shall be submitted to the people for their approval or rejection at the next regular general election held throughout this state.**".

/s/ Chris Telfer
Senator

/s/ Larry George
Senator