

March 19, 2013

The Honorable Margaret Doherty, chair
House Committee On Business and Labor
900 Court St. NE
Salem, Oregon 97301

RE: Testimony against HB3352 Declaration of public policy
concerning maximum working hours in certain industries

Dear Chair Doherty and Committee Members,

My name is Bob Sowdon, I'm with the Oregon Citizen Lobby, Economic Development and Land Use Team Leader. <http://www.tracktheirvote.org>

The Oregon Citizen Lobby, performs an analysis to what impact adding and or what is removed in a bill to five core principles. I have attached the OCL brochure FYI.

HB3352 was analyzed and brought to my attention for review. I was shocked to read the wording of this public policy that was set in motion in the 70's.

This Bill removes [*factory or manufacturing establishment*] and leaves only the lumber industry worker that have restrictions on overtime because it is injurious to the physical health and well-being of such person, and tends to prevent the person from acquiring that degree of intelligence that is necessary to make the person a useful and desirable citizen of the state.

Where are the statics to back this claim?

This brings the understanding of why the factory or manufacturing establishment would want to be removed from such a ridiculous public policy. How was this policy to be enforced..... this was addressed as dependent upon like laws in other states.

652.030¹ <http://www.oregonlaws.org/ors/652.030?highlight=652.010>
Enforcement of ORS 652.010 and 652.020

ORS 652.010 (Declaration of public policy concerning maximum working hours in certain industries) and 652.020 (Maximum working hours in certain industries) shall not be enforced insofar as they relate to working hours in sawmills, planing mills, shingle mills and logging camps until laws containing like provisions regarding working hours in such places of employment in the States of California, Washington and Idaho become effective in each of those states respectively.

I questioned if there were any other laws in the other States that would or could make this an enforceable law! I could not find any in the States mentioned in ORS 652.030.

Being the case, after 40 + years, I request consideration that the Public Policy ORS 652.010 and the adjoining ORS be repealed.

This public policy puts an uncertain burden on the Timber Industry.

Thank you,

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