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Re: Public comment on HB 3253

Thank you for listening me today.

My name is Mike Parker and I am a resident of the state of Oregon as well as an Oregon voter. I am also an unpaid Government Affairs Team (GAT) volunteer with the American Association for Nude Recreation (AANR) and its northwest regional component (AANR-NW). Our Association is widely recognized as the credible voice for nude recreation, representing over 200,000 individuals and 250 clubs, campgrounds and resorts throughout the United States, Canada and the Caribbean Islands. An important part of our AANR world is the nine Oregon AANR-affiliated nudist clubs and resorts as well as the Oregon association members who are not club affiliated, plus numerous unaffiliated nudists who utilize the two legal nude beaches, hot springs, and other unpopulated areas in Oregon.

I noticed that HB 3253 was recently introduced in Oregon by Representatives Olson and Conger. It would amend the requirements for registering as a sexual offender in the state. Currently, Oregon law requires people entering this state with a conviction in any other venue in the U.S. and its territories for any of the 21 specifically defined sex crimes within ORS894 to register in this state as a sex offender. This new bill would add new wording into existing Oregon law: "**Has been convicted in another United States court of a crime for which the person would have to register as a sex offender in that court's jurisdiction, regardless of whether the crime would constitute a sex crime**" **in this state**. This would create a new category of non- criminals in Oregon registered as sex offendersin the state of Oregon based on laws from any other jurisdiction.

The Senate has a similar bill (S 30) introduced by the Governor on behalf of the state police, but that bill differs from this one in the following **"(c) Is paroled to**

this state under ORS 144.610 after being convicted in another United States court of a crime that would constitute a sex crime if committed in this state;". There is a substantial difference in meaning between the two bills. If passed, S30 is more easily enforceable and does not create a new type of criminal who has not committed a crime under Oregon statutes.

Oregon law does not consider simple nudity to be a crime in this state, based on Article ne of the Oregon state Bill of Rights.

Simple public nudity in Idaho is now considered a felony sex crime there, upon the third occurrence. Sunbathers, skinny dippers and hot springs enthusiasts unexpectedly may find themselves in a very bad situation if arrested and convicted. Other states may have similar and even more draconian laws. Arkansas is one of those states. Also, considering the North Carolina bill (HB34) introduced this year in their state ssembly proposing to criminalize public exposure of women's breasts as a felony sex crime punishable by up to six months in jail in that state, if passed, would women convicted in that state for mere toplessness have to register as a sex criminal in the state of Oregon under this bill?

What other "sex crimes" that should have been but were never taken off the books are enforced in other jurisdictions that would never be considered to be one here in Oregon?

I ask that HR 3253 not be reported out favorably unless it is substituted with the language from S 30. S 30 is better aligned with the federal Sexual Offender Registration and Notification Act (SORNA), which was passed by Congress in 2006 As mentioned, S 30 is supported by both Governor Kitzhaber and the state police.

I believe that you should amend this bill to mirror S 30, which is the bill preferred by the law enforcers of this state. Please consider doing this or else stop this bill at the committee level.

Thank you for your time!

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