

SB 699

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Thank you Chair Prozanski and members of the committee for letting me speak today.

SB 699 is an infringement of our First Amendment right to peaceable assembly because it invites monsters to the assembly. As I mentioned in my earlier testimony on SB 347, I have first-hand experience with the monsters that violate innocent people. There is no public good to be found in giving these monsters sanctuary. Robbing the citizens of Oregon of their rights to peaceable assembly by depriving them of the tools to maintain peaceable behavior, gives monsters sanctuary.

It bothers me that SB 699 is being proposed as an emergency measure. I have been in an emergency, on a ship at sea on fire. Panic did not help in that situation then, and it will not help us in this situation now. If you want to manage the emergency, get out of the way of the people capable of resolving it.

Also, stop feeding the monsters.