



May 10, 2013

The Honorable Chris Garrett and Rules Committee Members
Oregon House of Representatives
900 Court St. NE
Salem, Oregon 97301

Dear Chairman Garrett and Rules Committee Members:

On behalf of Sports Fans Coalition (SFC), the largest nonprofit fan advocacy organization in the country, I would like to express our opposition to HB 3510.

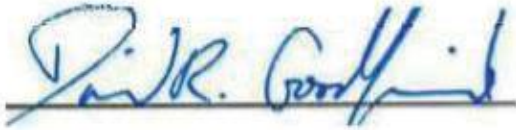
HB 3510 is a misguided effort to protect fans and we oppose its adoption for the following reasons:

- HB 3510 empowers ticket issuers, including venues and Ticketmaster, to decide whether consumers may re-sell tickets they have purchased, and whether consumers may purchase resale tickets from independent “unauthorized” resellers.
- Season-ticket holders should not be prohibited from reselling tickets simply because they have not yet acquired the physical tickets for the upcoming season.
- HB 3510 would deem any ticket sold without permission to be fraudulent. No longer could a consumer safely re-sell a ticket to a friend, or a season-ticket holder safely post tickets for sale online or on a bulletin board or with an independent ticket broker.
- Requiring the original venue’s permission to resell tickets also empowers the original venue to determine the reseller’s price, terms of service, and service fees (including requiring that the service fees be shared with the original seller). Essentially this could eliminate competition and choice for both casual fans looking to buy tickets on the secondary market and season ticket holders looking to resell tickets.

When a fan buys a ticket they own it. This bill will strip fans of their right to do what they please with the tickets they purchase.

For the reasons listed above, we urge you to oppose HB 3510. Thank you and please do not hesitate to reach out if the SFC may be of any assistance to fans in your district.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "David R. Goodfriend". The signature is written in a cursive style and is positioned above a thin horizontal line.

David R. Goodfriend, Chairman Sports Fans Coalition

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