

Name: Sue Staley
Proposed: HB-3187
Meeting: April 20,2015

Dear Human Services and Housing Committee Members:

My name is Sue Staley, and I am the President of the Multnomah Chapter, of the American Council of the Blind of Oregon, and as well I am a blind Oregon resident, who is married to Ronald Staley, who as well is blind. I provide written testimony to you today in consideration of HB 3187 on behalf of those signed below.

As such, the named/signed below request that you not support HB 3187 as introduced, specifically as it relates to the emergency provision, which could conceivably extend the terms of (3) current OCB Commissioners who (we believe) have not earned such allowance by/through their actions of inadequate over-site and failure of service to the public at large as is required from their roles.

Our members are deeply saddened to report that the American Council of the Blind of Oregon representative on the commission board at this time has not represented our organization in a fashion we feel appropriate or consistent with our mission.

While in essence HB 3187 seems harmless enough at first glance it does nothing to guide change through accountability requirements/composition and structure/and training, but merely contends that longer term limits will allow for proper/adequate over site, which (we) fear will simply continue/extend the problem at hand especialy in consideration of the pattern of performance documented.

With that, (we) believe that new ideas/changes and a new prospective is needed to help direct the Oregon Commission for the Blind constructively in to the future, not simply the same old same old.

Therefore, (we) strongly urge that you not support HB 3187 "specifically" as it relates to the emergency provision contained within this proposed legislation.

It is crucial that blind Oregonians receive the assistance that is currently lacking through the Oregon Commission for the Blind.

Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Named Chapter Supporters: Sue Staley, Ronald Staley, Daniel Ezell, Carol Cooper, Joanie Delzer, Bonnie Malone, Evelyn Allen, Dick Kohl, Dick Nixon, Pat Wallace, Carmen Walker, Paulette Stokes, Michael Alvarez, Gloria Libby, Jerry Pryne