

April 6, 2017

Senator Roblan, Chair
Senate Education Committee
Oregon State Capitol
Salem, Or 97301

Re: Senate Bill 353-1

Chair Roblan and Committee Members

The Association of Western Pulp and Paper Workers (AWPPW) is opposed SB-353-1

Ballot Measure 98 was strongly supported by the Citizens of Oregon. The voters have sent a message to the Legislature that this is what they want. For example, they want their children to have an opportunity to have a boarder education which will help their children to enter into fields of skilled labor or a trade.

AWPPW believes that with the skills they will have learned in school with Ballot Measure 98 applied could help them secure skilled jobs in the plants we work in. Skilled workers are hard to come by and if Oregon doesn't train our students, employers will find them elsewhere.

AWPPW hopes that the dash one amendment will be removed. The people have spoken and we think it behooves this committee to keep the citizens of Oregon wishes true to Ballot Measure 98 intent.

Thank you

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