

Testimony from Steve Wiley on May 9, 2017

House of Representatives Budget Committee

Chair - Rep. Barnhart

My name is Steve Wiley, resident of Keizer Oregon and a State Trustee with the Fraternal Order of Eagles. I am here to voice my opposition to SB 181 that will require non-profits to process another layer of paperwork to the counties to enable us to continue our exemption of property taxes. I feel that this measure could prove to be very punitive if all the requirements are not met.

SB 181 refers to ORS 307.130 as defining the applicable non-profits and the fraternal organizations are listed under ORS 307.136. Perhaps the Eagles are not under this legislation but many other charitable groups are and they cannot afford the potential penalties either. If we lose these charities it will have a severe impact on the remaining members of the 'social safety net' that would include the Eagles.

There will be 36 counties making decisions on how to administer, interpret and enforce this bill making the charities adapt to multiple procedures and enforcement without any procedure for appeal defined.

I urge you to prevent this bill from becoming law.

Thank you for the opportunity to bring my concerns before you today and I would be happy to answer any questions

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