

Dear Committee Chair and members of the Rules Committee,

I have read through the bill as introduced and have identified structural problems that go above and beyond the intent of the bill.

**The EMERGENCY clause is an unnecessary abuse of the authority to the legislature.**

The citizens of Oregon are not in favor of bills being declared and emergency which has the effect of prohibiting them from utilizing the initiative petition process when they recognize that the Oregon legislature is not acting in accordance with they wishes. Where's the emergency?

**Section 2 (4) The Attorney General may adopt rules to implement this section.**

This is a concentration of executive power that relieves the Governor from accepting responsibility during a period of time when she will be seeking re-election.

Over and over again, unspecified authority to craft rules and policies in the hands of one individual without ANY boundaries or oversight by the legislature is problematic. Since when does the Attorney General, who should be seeing that rules and laws are enforced also get to make the rules?

There is NO ACCOUNTABILITY for the unrestrained power granted to the Attorney General.

Ask yourself, if the AG where not of your own political party; what would your objections be?  
This is poor public policy.

**Immigration Policy**

As a legal immigrant and naturalized US Citizen, I object to the intentional disregard for the rule of law on the basis of a philosophical disagreement with the concept of legal immigration.

The bill was designed to obscure a person's illegal presence in the country. In my own family, there have been illegal immigrants and in some cases, their intentional cloaking of criminal records from various agencies. That didn't make it right. I truly understand the emotional turmoil argument that has prompted the Governor and AG to pursue a don't ask, don't tell policy for "public bodies". Public body is too broad a term for these purposes.

This promulgates more of a tangled mess for people who would otherwise want to obtain a legal status.  
Making a bad situation worse is not an intelligent choice.

This bill is a feel good measure at best and promulgated for partisan political purposes. The State of Oregon is to serve it's citizens; the Oregon Legislature is not to be a rhetorical tool for the generation of press releases. It is not the job of the Legislature to create policies and processes that intentionally, actively avoids accurate information about a person dealing while with any entity of government.

I strongly urge the RULES committee to uphold the RULE of law. Let this bill die in committee.

I thank you for your time and consideration of my concerns.

Respectfully,  
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