

Madam Chair,

I just wanted to send you and all of the members of yesterday's proceedings for Public Forum HB 3063 a very warm and heart-felt 'Thank You' for how you moderated yesterday's potentially contentious proceedings. Coming from California, I've seen how detached and dispassionate government officials can be. And yesterday was a breath of fresh air.

In observing you and all of the members of the HHC I felt that each of you were engaged, genuinely cared (even if not in agreement on what was being said), and most importantly listened to everyone. I am grateful that you extended the hearing time for testimony and even allowed citizens who had traveled from more than 100 miles away to get their testimony in. I thought that was a very aware and empathetic thing to do...which is something I never thought I'd say about a government official. My mind was blown and my faith in government cautiously restored. :)

I moved from California to Oregon for Medical Freedom and I can tell you first hand there are stark contrasts in how proceeding are done here compared to down there. It was a joy entering the capitol and not having to be strip searched or metal detected. The feeling is night & day and I value my new home very much. I don't have the words to express how much I love Oregon, it's the first place I've lived where I've truly felt at home.

I am proud to call myself an Oregonian because of how the fine people of this state conduct themselves with integrity, honor, and a tremendous amount of concern for each other. What actually sold me on Oregon was watching all cars stop in every direction to allow one of our seniors to cross the street. Each Oregonian waited patiently for her to cross, no impatience, no honking, no driving in any direction until she was safely on the other sidewalk. That's Oregon. And each member of the HHS was a shining example of that same feeling yesterday. So thank you all for that incredible gift.

We may not all agree on this topic and that's ok. We have proven that we can discuss it passionately, intelligently, and most importantly that we can listen to each other too.

With that in mind and heart I wish you all a beautiful weekend with your families and I look forward to continuing this important conversation next week and in the weeks to come.

Thank you so much for all you did yesterday. It means a lot to a lot of people. Peace be with you all. :)

***The Greatest Energy Always Prevails...
Love & Kindness Are Our Greatest Energy.***

Dr. Henry L. Ealy - Aloha Nui Loa