

What follows is my opinion, and is worth about what you will pay for it: NOTHING. But I have a right to be heard just like those legislators who want this bill to pass.

If SB 978 passes in its current form, you will have effectively signed the death sentence for the State of Oregon. Just as the "rich" taxpayers in Massachusetts left when they were overtaxed a few years ago (resulting in even lower tax revenues), the patriotic citizens of Oregon will also leave the state if this bill is passed in its current form. The remaining people will receive exactly what they asked for and deserve. I predict the resulting scenario will not be pretty.

You had better hope, for the sake of Oregon, that smarter heads with brains that actually encourage freedom make significant changes to the bill rather than how the "new amendments" now read.

Furthermore, the details of this bill have just been made public. That is exactly 3 days before the committee is scheduled to hear and discuss this bill. It appears that they have had a "place holder" bill in the schedule for quite a while and now have come forward with the real details of their desires. What kind of people do this? The answer is people who want to get their way at all costs. These people tend to be insecure and self-centered individuals who are afraid to face the public for discussion. It is too tedious to listen to the average Joe. I suspect that they feel that the "average Joe" is too uneducated and stupid for their tastes anyway. In my opinion, these people should NOT be in government "representing" those that elected them, unless, of course, those that elected them knew what they were getting and wanted it anyway. Since that is almost impossible to determine beforehand, I submit that those voters were led astray by the current "actors in the legislature."

Good luck to the State of Oregon in spite of the current legislators who want to remove one of our fundamental rights as US citizens. Those same legislators will say that they are not removing this right, but what else can you call what this bill will do?
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