

Oregon Public Testimony SB978

I have recently become aware at the concerted efforts of some of our legislature to surreptitiously undermine the public's involvement in the legislative process. Call me naive, but it's true. The term of 'gut and stuff' legislation is an eye opener; as is SB978 – amendment 1. The means being employed to push these constitutional infringements illustrates how tyrannical our officials seem to have become. The use of sleight of hand and the so called 'emergency clause' is an affront to the citizens of this State.

I oppose all sections of SB978 amendment 1 not only because of the way it is written and offered, but by the numerous intricacies designed to limit, ban, constrain, and license a fundamental constitutional right.

I call on all legislators to reject this and any forthcoming legislation that hides behind process, avoiding the light of a fair, fact based discussion with the citizens of this State.

Please restore my faith that there are no tyrants in our government.

Sincerely,

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