

I want to thank you for this opportunity to speak on behalf of the Hundreds of Businesses and thousands of individual members that I represent here today!

I am Rick Skinner, an Oregon Resident, and life time resident of the Coos Bay/North Bend Area.

I am the **Co-Chair of Boost Southern Oregon. Chair of SCDC** (South Coast Development Council). **Past President** of the Bay Area Chamber of Commerce and currently **Vice President, in charge of Government Affairs and Economic Development**. I am also, the **Vice Chair of SWACT** (Southwest Area Commission on Transportation) for Region III.

I am here to ask you to **support Senator Roblan's Proposed amendments** to Senate Bill 927!

Without the amendments, I would be asking each of the committee members to **not support & reject Senate Bill 927!**

Senator Roblan's amendments include;

- 1) On page 1 of the printed bill, line 2, Delete, "creating new provisions
- 2) and repealing ORS 197.772".
- 3) Delete line 4 and insert:
- 4) "Note: Section 1 was deleted by amendment. Subsequent sections were
- 5) not renumbered".
- 6) On Page 2, line 11, delete "and the repeal of ORS 197.772 by section 1 of
- 7) this."
- 8) In line 12, delete "2019 Act."

In researching this Senate Bill, **I have found ORS 197.772, Means, removal of owner consent! The strange thing is, you have to opt out of these nominations, instead of opting in!**

It seems some, are **representing Special Interest Groups**, rather than representing the people and property owners!

These **Special Interest Groups** think this (owner consent) imposes a completely one-side system for historic designation that denies the community a voice or local government the option of protecting a local landmark from demolition.

So, repeal ORS 197.772, repealing the property owners right to opt out of a nomination! This isn't right!

Special interest groups say;

"All these buildings have **seismic safety crisis** that must be addressed to avoid economic disaster and loss of life."

"And we need to attract **more investment** in rural communities. Senate Bill 927 would create the financial mechanism to address all those urgent needs" a **bargain, they say.**

Who is paying for the bargain? The people, funded through the General Fund, says SB 927!

Is this why there are \$5.0 Billion worth of new funding on the floor, here in Salem?

It is dangerous to repeal ORS 197.772, (removing owner Consent), currently in Coos Bay, there is a 26-square mile TCP nomination, affecting over 1,400 private landowners.

Please support Senator Roblan's proposed amendments to Senate Bill 927, without the changes we can not support any form of Senate Bill 927!
