

May 16th, 2019

House Committee on Rules

Dear House Rules Committee Chairperson Holvey, and Members of the Committee,

My name is Randy Hauth, and I contact you today on behalf of HB 3431, to share my concerns with the recent language change as is contained within the (-4) amendment "specifically" as is contained on page (2) line (5) where "historically significant language" has been (stricken out) language that is also contained within the Governing Code of Federal Regulations, which can be found at 34 CFR 395.

As I understand it, this (language change request) does not impact Metro, but has been lobbied for by DAS, and as to why remains "unclear" whereas the impact of such change "again" could have unintended consequences of negative impact upon the Blind Vendors of Oregon, and/or current facilities supervised by Blind Managers, and possibly have a "fiscal impact" upon the agency itself which no one has confirmed or denied.

Last but not least, while Metro, and I, have had several constructive conversations, there still remain concerns as to a complete severing of the Blind in certain Visitor Venues, "specifically" the Port of Portland.

With that, I respectfully request that this Committee also consider language that ensures that at least (1) concession type facility, in the Port of Portland, be established and/or other applicable Venues, as appropriate.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,  
Randy Hauth-BECC Chairperson.