

House Rules Committee Members,

Before you make any decisions today that effect or punish Republicans leaving the building or about quorums, I hope you will consider this :

Thousands upon thousands of Oregonians wanted and encouraged them to walk away (each time) to prevent the risk of abusive legislation being passed, cap and trade being a prominent example.

You know that for every one person who has emailed or showed up on the Capital steps at these rallies, they represented many more who could not leave their jobs. Consider that in your process today please. There are numerous voices you haven't truly listened to as the use of the emergency clause clearly demonstrates. Let's be honest, there is no emergency in Oregon.

Instead of trying to punish Republicans or blame them for business not dealt with, I would suggest you open the door for more bi-partisan agreements. That is what will get the peoples work done. That is more in line of your job description than pushing ill written and debilitating legislation onto our state which is the catalyst for a walk out.

Cap & Trade is only one example of where your "invited only" testimony prevents a more fair dissemination of facts. This short session is fraught with ill will and needs to end without instilling more.

I thank the Republicans for their leadership and courage.

Sincerely,

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