

Honorable Committee Members:

I am submitting this written testimony to you to express my concerns about the redistributing of HD 52. House District maps A and C disenfranchise our community. But a simple solution on map C could reintegrate our communities. Place Sandy within new HD 52 and remove the city of the Dalles from new HD 52. The populations are similar in size.

- 1) Map C **separates our Oregon Trail School District** into new HD 52 and new HD 18 as shown on the attached Map C outlining the school district boundaries with a green line. As stated in the hearing on September 3, school districts are not to be divided.
- 2) Map C **divides the city of Sandy**, placing the majority of our city in new HD 18, but leaves part of the city limits in each district, not respecting city boundaries. Sandy, as the 4th fastest growing city in Oregon will continue to expand its boundaries and its existing urban growth boundaries go beyond the current city boundary.
 - a) Our middle school and the Cedar Creek School are in new HD 52; the rest of our schools are in new HD 18.
 - b) Several of our suburb housing areas are in new HD 52, the rest in new 18.
 - c) Several of our city parks are in new HD 52 and other parks are in new HD 18
- 3) Beyond dividing our city and school district boundaries, **communities of interest are divided**.

The residents of the smaller mountain communities come to Sandy to shop, for medical services, to use the city's parks, gyms, social services, to attend school, and share other resources. Yet an arbitrary line has been drawn separating these two community areas, the city from the mountain communities.
- 4) The **transportation corridor connection**, Highway 26, connects the two community areas. The Sandy/Mt. Hood Transit system bus route provides a loop including Sandy, mountain communities, and Hood River and return.

SOLUTION

There is a simple fix for correcting the C map:

Place Sandy within HD 52 and remove the City of the Dalles from HD 52. The populations are similar in size.

This solution brings all of our Sandy schools back into one House district, brings the entire school district back within one district, includes city in just one district, and reunites our mountain communities served by our city. After all, Sandy is the "Gateway to the Mountain."

Oregon Redistricting Law

188.010 Criteria for apportionment of state into congressional and legislative districts. The Legislative Assembly or the Secretary of State, whichever is applicable, shall consider the following criteria when apportioning the state into congressional and legislative districts:

- (1) Each district, as nearly as practicable, shall:
 - (a) Be contiguous;
 - (b) Be of equal population;
 - (c) Utilize existing geographic or political boundaries;

Map C does not respect city boundaries or school district (political) boundaries.

- (d) Not divide communities of common interest; and

Map C divides the mountain community from Sandy and mountain communities are tied to the resources of Sandy: medical, parks and recreation, gyms, groceries stores, etc.

(e) Be connected by transportation links.

Highway 26 is the “Gateway to the Mountain” going through Sandy and up to the mountain communities. The bus loop route is Sandy, to mountain communities, to Hood River and return.

(2) No district shall be drawn for the purpose of favoring any political party, incumbent legislator, or other person.

(3) No district shall be drawn for the purpose of diluting the voting strength of any language or ethnic minority group.

(4) Two state House of Representative districts shall be wholly included within a single state senatorial district. [1979 c.667 §1; 1981 c.864 §2]

Sincerely,

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