

03 May 2021

To: Senate Committee on Housing and Development

Re: House Bill 2550

Dear Chair Senator Jama, Vice-Chair Senator Linthicum, and members of the Committee:

I am opposed to any further continuance of House Bill 2550 and urge the Committee to stop it.

Mostly I am opposed to the Committee spending more time re-inventing the wheel. The points in this bill are already covered by The United States Civil Rights Act of 1964, Oregon's Bureau of Labor and Industries and ORS Chapter 659A [Unlawful discrimination in Employment, Public Accommodations, Real Property Transactions, Administrative & Civil Enforcement] already cover these issues.

This bill presupposes a lot.

Isn't it enough that everyone beyond the 2nd grade already knows discrimination on the mentioned points is wrong.

Does anyone believe a seller would turn down money based on any of the mentioned points?

I see it as another example of the current penchant in political ideology to find grievances everywhere. Real or imagined. Does anyone believe this issue is rampant among the real estate industry?

This particular piece of legislation is ridiculous. It's just more do-gooders displaying their "concern".

Put it out of it's misery.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Richard Wisner". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "R".

Richard Wisner