

Although I am not in Representative Nearman's district, I share a senate district with HD23. I support Nearman's expulsion from the Legislature. I was extremely disappointed by Nearman's recent appearance on the Lars Larson show, where he appeared to try to shift the blame to the Capitol Police. He should be held accountable for his actions, and not allowed to blame those who have already suffered consequences for them.

I am also troubled by several Republican voices who have tried to draw an equivalence between Nearman's actions and the recent consideration of consequences for Representative Witt. I have read the text messages -- what Nearman did is not in the same ballpark as what Witt did. Everyone whose testimony says Witt's recent behavior should face similar consequences seems to be forgetting that Representative Post ALSO got in trouble for sexual harassment, and yet continues to enjoy strong support from his caucus, including being promoted this year (<https://www.keizertimes.com/posts/2394/post-named-to-gop-leadership-position>)!

<https://www.oregonlive.com/politics/2019/01/oregon-capitol-a-hostile-workplace-boli-investigation-finds.html>

"In one example, the report cites a witness, whose name is redacted, who describes an encounter at a bar between Rep. Bill Post, R-Keizer, and a female staffer. The witness said Post and the staffer were sitting side-by-side, that he touched her leg under the table, sent her repeated texts during the course of the evening, repeatedly told her his wife was out of town, held her chin and called her "cute."

House Republican leaders issued a statement Thursday saying that the Legislature's 2017 investigation found that Post "had engaged in inappropriate and unwelcome conduct, including physical contact, with a legislative staffer. Such conduct is unacceptable, and the House Republican caucus leadership team strongly condemns it."