

23 February 2021

To: Senate Committee on Housing and Development

Re: Senate Bill 414

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

I am opposed to SB 414 and urge the Committee to table the bill.

The state of Oregon does not need a state office of *community livability*. One would think a community would be able to determine and organize for themselves cleanup efforts. This bill is simply an expensive *make work* idea.

Always with the public good in mind, the supporters of SB 41 seem to be insisting that Oregon is in need of yet another state agency, this time to figure out how to pick up litter. And then of course they anoint themselves to carry out this necessary task.

The actual usefulness of a state office of community livability is about as much needed as was Oregon's Office of Outdoor Recreation created during the 2017 legislative session and which by the way, last June had its funding entirely cut.

Furthermore, the state does not need to spend tax dollars studying any supposed benefit and feasibility of establishing such an office. It shouldn't be necessary to mention our state is already facing serious budget shortfalls and it's probably a safe assumption to think that many programs already in place are facing major funding cuts. Yet the sponsors of this legislation want to add more spending.

And just who is going to pay for these wasteful studies and filings of reports? This is one of those bright ideas that needs to be shelved. If it's so important, it can be re-addressed at a later date.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Richard Wisner".

Richard Wisner