TAWNA SANCHEZ STATE REPRESENTATIVE DISTRICT 43 NORTH AND NORTHEAST PORTLAND



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Chair Fahey and Members of the House Committee On Rules,

My testimony is in support of House Bill 2888.

The current law does not extend these protections to any legislative work <u>outside of regular or special sessions</u>. As the legislature continues to grow into a year-round commitment, it becomes increasingly difficult for working Oregonians to serve our state. Through the passing of House Bill 2888, legislator employment protections will be extended to cover attendance of official state meetings with the purpose of discussing legislation. This includes task forces, work groups, interstate bodies, commissions, and advisory committees among others.

This issue is deserving of legislative attention and I urge the committee to vote in favor of House Bill 2888.

Thank you for your time,

Representative Tawna Sanchez House District 43 – N/NE Portland