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On Behalf Of: Mr Oregon OPPOSES HB 3644
Committee: House Committee On Housing and Homelessness
Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB3644

I OPPOSE [HB 3644]. What is the total indebtedness of the Housing and Community Services Department?

***Place [HB 3644] on the Ballot for the VOTERS (U.S. Citizens) to decide if "Enrolled," by the Legislature.

***[HB 3644] will permit the Housing and Community Services Department (HCSD) to become a greater budgetary disgusting behemoth than it is today. For taxpayers, this fact is more than a crying shame!

**HCSD camouflages their "Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Plan." It is called, "Equity, Diversity and Inclusion (EDI)"

**Does (HCSD) take Federal Funds? Yes, (HCSD) does take Federal Funds. Elon and the DOGE brothers cometh.

**Here is the starting cost for [HB 3644]:

"...SECTION 4. In addition to and not in lieu of any other appropriation, there is appropriated to the Housing and Community Services Department, for the biennium beginning July 1, 2025, out of the General Fund, the amount of \$217,918,652, to take any action authorized by sections 1 to 3 of this 2025 Act."

***How was the budget amount of [\$27,918 652] calculated? The amount seems analytical but bizarre.

**Here are a few snippets of [HB 3644]. These are just "snippets" one must read the entire TEXT!

"...SECTION 1...(d) "Regional coordinator" means a local government or nonprofit public benefit corporation that develops a regional assessment and plan and an annual report, and receives and distributes program funds for the region..." *(HCSD) controls the "purse-strings" and the puppets vie for position to "kiss the ring."

"...(2) The Housing and Community Services Department shall establish a statewide shelter program for the purposes of reducing unsheltered homelessness and transitioning people from experiencing homelessness into housing stability...." More and more taxpayer dollars to feed the bottomless pit of the beast-(HCSD).

"...(b) Foster equity in outcomes for those disproportionately impacted by structural inequities in homelessness and the homelessness response system;..."

***Racially discriminatory and EDI=DEI. No "equal treatment."

"...SECTION 2. (1) The Housing and Community Services Department shall divide

the state into regions, each no smaller than a single county, through which the statewide shelter program established under section 1 of this 2025 Act is implemented..." This creates a significant and very costly "Division" within (HCSD).

" ... (3) Upon selecting a regional coordinator, the department shall enter into an agreement with a five-year to six-year term and which the department may agree to renew for subsequent five-year to six-year terms on a noncompetitive basis. During an agreement term, the department shall provide ongoing funding to operate the program to the regional coordinator. The department may only terminate the agreement during its term for good cause."Note the language, "five-year to six-year terms on a noncompetitive basis" and the "good cause" termination term. This creates 'carte blanche' for favored Non-profit and or Public Benefit Corporations.

"...(8) In providing funding to the regions through the program, the department shall establish a funding formula that considers: (a) Needs of the region; and (b) Past performance of the region.

...(9) The department shall establish a formal grievance system to review, track and mediate disputes between shelter providers and regional coordinators. The grievance system may not issue orders or otherwise adjudicate disputes..." ***A sub-Division of [HB 3644] is created to document disputes and sooth the ruffled feathers.

[HB 3644], if Enrolled, will create a de facto modern day Tammany Hall, a very dangerous political machine.

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Mr. Oregon Concurr and says, "[HB 3644] should be ignominiously flushed down a disgusting toilet."