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HR 3166 is another example of the disregard the self-serving, infighting factions that comprise the supermajority Oregon Democrat machine have for the majority of Oregonians. At this stage, it's all but impossible for average citizens to understand the difference between HR 3166 --- which appears to be patterned after Alaska's system that narrowly avoided repeal by Alaskans in November 2024 due to a huge influx of outside cash --- and HR 3166-2 --- which contains such extensive and difficult to interpret changes it appears to be a different bill. One legitimately questions what the Supporters are actually supporting and, more importantly, why. All Oregonians have a right to know the full story.

According to the March 2025 registration data posted by ultra-partisan Democrat Secretary of State Tobias Read, Democrats are just under 33% of registered voters in Oregon (not even close to majority, much less a supermajority) and Republicans are just over 24%. Those genuinely concerned about the 43% of Oregon registered voters who are neither D or R should recognize this bill as Exhibit #1 why Oregonians should demand the Oregon Democrat machine amend ORS 173.230 to make the Legislative Council's files for any bill and its amendments public records in their entirety, and put those public records online in OLIS for easy public access the moment the bill is officially introduced in a Legislative session. Oregon's law schools, including U of O, Willamette University, and Lewis & Clark, should lead this effort in the highest profile way possible.

Oregonians have a right to know all the interests lurking behind the scenes of every bill in Oregon. That's the first meaningful step towards more representative Oregon government, not election gimmicks. And there is reason to believe it will have knock-on effects in Oregon's US Senate and House elections. Particularly if in the 2030 census Oregon loses the House seat it just gained in the 2020 census as one hears being discussed is possible.