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On Behalf Of:

Committee: Senate Committee On Rules

Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB3768

Vote No! The Act makes March 21 of each year Nowruz Day in Oregon. Declares an emergency, effective on passage – an emergency to prepare for 10 months?

Nowruz, the Persian New Year, is rooted in the ancient religion of Zoroastrianism that emphasizes broad concepts such as the work of good and evil in the world and the connection of humans to nature.

None of the “WhereAs” in this bill are valid reasons for the state to push a day of celebration on false pretenses.

Oregonians are looking for serious work and not create problems and discourse. This bill will never unify communities, if that is the point.