

Submitter: Brandon deVries
On Behalf Of:
Committee: Senate Committee On Rules
Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB4145

My name is Brandon Devries, and I am writing in strong opposition to HB 4145.

This bill raises serious concerns about transparency, fairness, and public trust in our legislative process. Regardless of where individuals stand on the underlying policy, the way HB 4145 has been handled has undermined confidence in the integrity of the process itself.

When rules appear to shift during proceedings, when procedural maneuvers determine outcomes rather than open debate, and when votes are altered under circumstances that raise questions rather than clarity, the public's faith in representative government is weakened. Oregonians expect their elected officials to conduct business in a manner that is consistent, transparent, and respectful of both colleagues and constituents.

Good legislation should be able to withstand open debate, fair process, and clear voting procedures. If a bill cannot pass without controversy surrounding how the vote was conducted, that alone should give this body pause.

I urge you to oppose HB 4145 and instead recommit to a legislative process that prioritizes integrity, consistency, and public trust.

Thank you,
Brandon Devries
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