

Submitter: James Shannon

On Behalf Of:

Committee: Senate Committee On Rules

Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB4145

Dear Members of the Oregon Legislature,

I am writing to express my unequivocal opposition to HB 4145 and to urge you to vote NO on this bill.

HB 4145 represents a troubling departure from transparent governance and undermines the integrity of the legislative process. The circumstances surrounding its advancement have raised serious concerns among Oregonians who expect fairness, accountability, and respect within committee proceedings and on the House floor.

This bill should not move forward under a cloud of procedural irregularities and credible concerns about coercion and undue pressure. Legislation of this magnitude deserves open debate, honest deliberation, and votes cast free from intimidation.

When the democratic process is compromised, public trust erodes — and that damage is far more lasting than any single policy outcome.

Regardless of where one stands on the substance of HB 4145, the manner in which it has been handled demands scrutiny. Oregonians expect legislators to defend the process, protect their colleagues from bullying tactics, and ensure that committee votes reflect genuine positions — not votes changed under pressure.

A vote in favor of HB 4145 signals acceptance of these tactics. A vote against it affirms a commitment to ethical conduct, procedural integrity, and respect for representative government.

I strongly urge you to stand for transparency, fairness, and the rule of law by opposing HB 4145.

Sincerely,

James Shannon