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**Rep. Greg Barreto's "Because Clause" Passes Oregon House With Unanimous
Vote**

HB 3150 Brings Clarity, Purpose And Better Understanding To Legislation

Salem, OR – The Oregon House of Representatives today unanimously approved House Bill 3510, also known as the "Because Clause." The bill, which adds a short notification to each piece of drafted legislation explaining its intent and purpose, was chief sponsored by Representative Greg Barreto (R-Cove) and Representative John Lively (D-Springfield), who were joined with an additional 33 cosponsors from the House and the Senate.

"This is a commonsense, simple, bipartisan bill, and will give Oregonians a better understanding of why bills are drafted," said Rep. Barreto. "Citizens without a law background or experience reading legislation can face difficulty understanding legal or legislative jargon and the reasoning behind some bills that are introduced. HB 3510 is an additional tool for active citizenry to keep engaged in the legislative process."

At the top of every bill draft, there is information pertinent to those reviewing legislation. The information currently includes a brief summary, a relating to clause, and the bill sponsors. HB 3510 would simply add the reason "why" the bill was drafted.

This bipartisan legislation is Rep. Barreto's first priority bill to pass out of the House and will now move on to the Senate, where President Courtney will assign it to committee.

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Watch Rep. Barreto's full remarks on HB 3510 [here](#).