



OREGON HOUSE REPUBLICAN OFFICE

For Immediate Release

February 5, 2018

House Democrats to continue practice of introducing anonymous committee bills *House Republicans stand in opposition to rules allowing anonymous legislation*

Salem, Ore. - House Democrats today voted to continue allowing legislators to introduce anonymous committee bills by voting in favor of the House Rules as presented by the majority party. In negotiations prior to session, House Republicans argued for the elimination of anonymous committee bills, among other amendments, but were rebuffed by the Democratic majority.

"We cannot claim to be transparent and open as a Legislature if we have bills that don't list the name of the member who sponsored them," said Representative Mike Nearman (R-Independence), who spoke in opposition to the Rules. "We are elected by the people and we are supposed to be accountable to the people. This practice flies in the face of what this institution should be about."

House Republicans have [fought to ban the practice of introducing anonymous committee bills](#) for several years. House Democrats have rejected the effort at every turn.

###