

Senate Executive Appointments 12-12-2024

Secretary: Please file this vote explanation for executive appointments. Sen Boquist

Vote Explanation. Executive Appointments. There are numerous qualified volunteers being voted upon today. The confirmation vote is not in question. However, there are also numerous reappointments to medical and investment boards – commissions that are not qualified. To simply say the “governor vetted them” is the same as saying some are pardoned for official misconduct or manslaughter or negligent deaths per many of my constituents. Medical boards have never been held accountable for mistakes from 2020 to 2022 that resulted in the deaths of thousands of Oregonians. Not even an after-action review has been put forth to justify the actions of these boards let alone legislative accountability. Even the uniparty Congress just released a report on the missteps that happen federally from 2020 to 2022 just last week. Likewise, other states have conducted after action reviews to ensure mistakes do not happen next time. Then I’ve heard nothing from legislators reference the \$1.8 billion pers investment shortfall that magically appeared the week after the November elections. Democrat statewide and appointees suddenly lost billions the day after the election? Nor why the State Treasury could not cash flow the wildfires thus requiring a special session? Are the claims the State Treasurer was going to allow agencies to default true? It is financially inconceivable that with \$98 billion in alleged state investments and \$34 billion in short term operations funds the state could not cashflow \$200 million in fire funds? Why? These are questions some of these governor appointees need to answer before even considering reappointments. Oregonians that are left in the future will want answers not excuses.