

Please record the following as my vote explanation for HB 2002 C:

There has been lots of talk the past six weeks about process. The importance of committee meetings, informational meetings, and public hearings. Listening to each other and working with stake holders. The legislative process is slow and frustrating. But when done properly it results in good legislation that passes the test of time.

Today marks the only time that HB 2002 was worked on in policy committee in the Senate. Unfortunately, we don't have time to air out the measure over multiple meetings and allow for lots of input. But if the process had been followed six weeks ago there would have been plenty of time.

It is my understanding that we all were given a copy of the bill sponsors op-ed in *The Oregonian*. While reading it I was shocked to see parental consent for minors referred to as: "unnecessary parental consent hurdles". I understand that intent was to address extreme and rare circumstances, but I take issue with the general disregard that I feel the Majority party shows to all parents.

The amendment to HB 2002 makes it a much better bill. I hope that it will allow for parents to be involved and consent to the treatment of their children. However, I still must vote no.