

HB 2002 introduction and rulings of the chair were challenged on the Floor today
May 2, 2023.

President Wagner denied the Oregon State Senate had authority under the Oregon Constitution to make any changes or object to HB 2002. Or Const Art IV Sec 21 requires bills to be plainly written. ORS 171.134 an enduring rule adopted by the legislature requires every summary to be written to no more than a 60 on the Flesch readability scale an equivalent of 8th grade. Senate Rule 13.02 requires summaries upon first reading introduction to comply with ORS 171.134.

The President sent an email with a legal opinion this morning stating a protest to the constitution, statute, rule must be done on bill introduction.

This was denied today by the President of the Senate on the Floor. This included denying current Senate Rules and Mason's Manual of Legislative Procedure that were cited on the Floor.

I am astonished by the claim that bills originating in the House are not subject to Senate rules. This is plainly absurd.

I voted No against upholding the ruling of the Senate President multiple times today based upon the information above.

Please enter this vote explanation into the Senate Journal.