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No Vote - Explanation on HB 2010

I would like to explain my “NO” vote position on HB2010. Please don’t believe that in any way I don’t support Medicaid and Medicare for older adults, in fact I do. But rather I do not agree with the taxes it creates and the funding gap still left over by this bill without considering the amendments.

I voted “NO” because of rising costs to insurance and the funding gap that still exists, which may create new taxes that may hurt the lower income population.

I voted “NO” because several proposed amendments to create carve outs for schools and carve outs for employers that are not required to provide insurance, were not considered.

I voted “NO” because this legislation will have a negative impact on small businesses.

Furthermore, I voted “NO” because of the process that Vice Chair Hayden’s proposals would have benefited Oregonians and businesses were not considered, as he explained with his comments on the House Floor.

Respectfully,

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