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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Timothy G. Sekerak
Chief Clerk of the House
State Capitol Building
Salem, OR 97301

RE: Vote Explanation – HB 2010A

Chief Clerk Sekerak,

Please accept this explanation of my NAY vote on HB 2010A. There are many good components to this bill I support – some new concepts, some continuing programs and one technical change to water examiners certificates that doesn't even have a fiscal impact. That bill – HB 3187, is now section 18 and 19 of HB 2010. HB 3187 passed both the House and Senate Policy committees as well as the floor of the House but is stuck on the Senate floor. HB 2010A must be the life raft for HB 3187.

HB 2010A never came through a policy committee, yet it contains multiple pieces of at least 14 policy bills that came through House and Senate committees. Bills that could have each been vetted on their own merits, funding been determined by W&M, and sent to the floor for a vote. Bills that could have easily been tracked in OLIS in the future. Now, they will sit in OLIS as if they never were completed or funded. Bills are not cross referenced in OLIS, but if this is how business is going to continue maybe that feature needs to be added to OLIS for the sake of transparency.

My opposition to HB 2010A is about the practice of “packages” verse standalone policy bills and the lack of transparency in this process.

Sincerely,

Anna Scharf
State Representative – HD 23