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No Vote - Explanation on HB 2216

I would like to explain my "NO" vote position on HB2216. Please don't believe that in any way I don't support minorities and their rights!

I voted "NO" because My party was founded by abolitionists in the mid 1800's for the purpose of ending slavery, and I stand by the words of Rev. Martin Luther King , Jr., who said "I have a dream that my four little children will one day live in a nation where they will not be judged by the color of their skin, but by the content of their character."

To that end, today I voted no on HB 2216, which ends the sunset on the law that requires Oregon universities to interview designated minorities for coaching and athletic director positions.

Furthermore, I voted "NO" because we can do better as a state and as a society than designating carve-outs for minority interest groups. I think that all persons, regardless of color or ethnic origin, can compete for these positions. Let's make Oregon a state where all people are treated equally, regardless of race.

Respectfully,

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