



HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

March 15, 2019

RE: HB 2975 | Vote Explanation

Dear Chief Clerk Sekerak,

I wish to submit the following explanation for my vote on House Bill 2975.

In 2017, with a budget shortfall looming for the 2017-2019 biennium, the legislature passed a bill that allowed for the one-time diversion of "Other Funds" into the "General Fund." As the biennium progressed, revenue increased, and the state no longer needed to transfer those "Other Funds." These dollars would have never been considered for the kicker, had we not voted to move those dollars into the general fund in May of 2017. House Bill 2975 simply repeals that legislation so that those "Other Funds," most of which come out of outside settlements with the Oregon Department of Justice, can be carried over to the 2019-2021 biennium.

I believe our priority as legislators must be about funding the critical needs of our state, like our K-12 education system. With a looming budget shortfall and the inevitability of a recession on the horizon, the \$108 million that this legislation will transfer is vital to budget stability. It will help us minimize cuts across our state government and assist in providing our students the resources they need to be successful. For those reasons, I voted in favor of House Bill 2975.

Moving forward this session, I will be working hard to ensure that Oregon operates as efficiently as possible, while doing everything it can to invest in the critical needs of our state, both urban and rural.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Janeen Sollman".

Janeen Sollman
State Representative
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