

HB 2982 regardless of intent fails to meet the requirements of the Oregon Constitution, Oregon Revised Statutes, and Senate Rules thus should be challenged in court. The federal courts in 2020 and 2022 ruled employees of the Oregon State Senate such as legislative counsel, parliamentarians, and other staff are not decision makers in the legislature. State circuit and appellate courts ruled statute prevails over rules in 2019 and 2020. President Wagner ruled in violation of rules, statutes, and constitutional clauses. Or Const Art IV Sec 17 and 18 empower the Senate to act independently. Or Const Art IV Sec 21 requires the bill be plainly worded. ORS 171.134 passed by the Legislative Assembly as an enduring rule established wording requirements. Art IV Sec 25 requires sixteen (16) valid votes for bill passage. At least seventeen (17) such bills have passed the state senate failing to meet constitutional requirements. Or Const Art II Sec 15 requires eligible legislators to vote openly or by voice vote on bills. Or Const Art II Sec 10 prevents legislators from holding more than one office. Or Const Art III Sec 1 prevents legislators from serving in two branches of government. HB 2982 fails on each of these rules, statutes and constitutional clauses thus please enter this protest explanation into the Senate Journal as required per Or Const Art IV Sec 26.