

Secretary: Vote explanation please. Sen Boquist

“HB 3163’s bill text and staff measure summary states “a resident does not include a person who merely owns real property or pays property taxes in the state.” Since when are taxpayers second rate citizens in this country? Owners are now ‘merely taxpayers’ here to pay for government. This is discrimination. This very nationalist. Self-centered. This defies the whole concept of equality. Apparently legislators forgot non-residents pay both income and property taxes as well. Fully understand selfish Oregonians want to keep their natural resources to themselves but are not other property owners not equal under the law? Obviously not with a 26 to 2 vote in the Oregon State Senate.”