

Secretary: Vote explanation please. Senator Boquist

“HB 3261 was on my vote list as marginal as did not appear needed nor addressed a real problem of locating shelters at this time. It does overturn local government control. The Carrier did not know if cities supported the bill when it was on the Floor today. OLIS Testimony has nothing from cities. The witnesses list says League of Oregon Cities supports the bill. The Carrier did not know of any present problem the bill was attempting to fix. Floor debate focused on Project Turnkey not reaching the homeless that were supposed to be aided six months ago given the present political pandemic. It was stated on the Floor this extended the sunset on the special session emergency funding since support had not been forth wit per the Floor debate. Floor concerns were raised about building and health issues at these motels and hotels turned into emergency housing. Very clear there are concerns the motels and hotels could turn into historical flop houses if not implemented without local health oversight. No doubt everyone wants to help with effective small scale affordable housing but the impact of this bill was very unclear.”