RAQUEL MOORE-GREEN STATE REPRESENTATIVE, District 19

South Salem, Turner, and Aumsville



HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Date June 25, 2020

Timothy G. Sekerak Chief Clerk of the House State Capitol Building, H-271 Salem, OR 97301

RE: Vote Explanation HB 4210

Dear Chief Clerk Sekerak,

In the 2020 legislative short session I voted 'yes' on HB 4065. Since that vote in February we have experienced the COVID-19 pandemic which has changed the conversation regarding Oregon's budget. Representative Stark and several judges have noted in testimony the cost to the court system. Senator Girod noted that this bill does not have a means test to evaluate who is able to pay versus being able to provide relief to those truly in need.

While I agree with the premise of HB 4210 today - I voted 'no.' I believe that sideboards should be placed in the bill so that the neediest are helped and those that can pay do so. I believe the cost of this proposal should have been held over to be evaluated and discussed when we have a special session on budgetary issues. That would have been a more appropriate time for this bill to be discussed.

Sincerely,

rmg

Representative Raquel Moore-Green HD 19 Salem, Aumsville & Turner