

Secretary: Vote explanation. Sen Boquist.

“HB 4212A is another attempt to codify Governor Brown’s political pandemic executive orders regarding the virus epidemic that compounds the legal issues around the Oregon Supreme Court’s emergency ruling. The court ruled the Governor has the power to act unilaterally indefinitely creating her own laws suppressing the citizens even to their deaths. This bill is a spoiled stew of legitimate needs, self-centered wants, and very bad ideas. It was negotiated in secret by the Speaker and President. If the Governor was involved it is no apparent in the public record. However, all of these actions can already be accomplish by the Governor per the Oregon Supreme Court on her own. This includes funding some critical needs, but again, the Governor has to execute the bill, however, can do this by picking and choosing under her own emergency powers what she wants not what citizens request. Governor Brown is claiming to so-called legislative leaders she will keep her lockdown orders in place for at least a year. The legislature refused to reverse the extremist actions of the Governor and failed Oregon Supreme Court, the Legislature should stay out of this mess until the Governor outlines her plans to us and the public. Likewise, real public input is required not the phony fascist actions of this emergency special session. Further, suspending public input requirements for local government decisions is just as bad as the circus of the past three days. Every citizen of the State of Oregon has a reason to protest now. HB 4212 drafted in secret is a combination of eleven legislative concepts. That 39 secret amendments were prepared by the Speaker and President along with a few Democrat members using the Speakers authority, yet, Republican minority member amendments were not allowed by majority rules. Webster’s dictionary defines this as fascism. The relating clause was legal trash that gives the finger to the Oregon Constitution despite the majority party Carrier’s feeble attempt to justify it. This vote soundly deserved a No vote on constitutional grounds. Voted No.”