

Secretary: Vote explanation please. Sen Boquist

“SB 780 is an attempt to hold harmless from liability doctors, providers, and hospitals from their actions in the Governor’s illegally declared emergency over the past 15 months. The Carrier was clear the intent was to ensure these entities were “not held accountable” for following government orders. There is no statutory or even constitutional defense for “superior order” or “Nuremberg defense” pleadings for crimes against humanity under international law. Law in this case established by the United States signed into law under treaties agreed upon by the U.S. Congress. The bill itself is an attempt at averting the ‘administration of justice’ in direct violation of the of the same laws and treaties which is grounds for actions before the International Criminal Court. Turing it over to lawyers and judges to decide per the Carrier’s statements is exactly what transpired in the past for which the judges were then found guilty themselves. This bill is even worse for the fact seniors remain locked in centers dying per the same government orders as was clearly stated into Senate record just a week ago. The Carrier of the bill at that time was clear that approximately half of all Covid 19 deaths in Oregon were seniors locked in centers and homes. So who is responsible for these deaths?”