

SB 881 Vote Explanation

SB 881 is the congressional redistricting bill US Representative DeFazio and Schrader publicly asked the supermajority Democrats to gerrymander and legislators received email testimony saying Our Oregon helped create the maps. After allegedly 22 public hearings and thousands of citizen testimony zero changes were made to the map. Even majority committee members had no idea who prepared the map prior to the work session. The Democrat Speaker of the 60-member House created a special two-person Democrat committee to the pass the bill to the Floor for a vote.

Just like in June 2019, the Democrat supermajority attempted to create a political media deception to deflect the legal deficiencies of the bill. I watched Senate majority staff request the Secretary's floor staff to harass Senator Heard for not wearing a mask on the side aisle. Then President Courtney (Democrat) found Senator Heard out of order for not wearing a mask in the gallery, theoretically due to medical risks. However, for the record, the Senate President Courtney placed contaminated wooden signs on all desks today but members could not distribute floor letters regarding SB 881 debate. This happened dozens of times during the regular Session. Other leadership materials were placed on the members desks as well despite contamination prohibitions in the same presidential rules. President Courtney had over 20 members signing nearly a hundred picture posters at three different floor desks. Member after member, sheet after sheet, same felt markers ... zero sanitation. The perfect super spreader again in violation of the presidential rules. I personally saw almost every member shaking hands and giving hugs for which I did not refuse any Democrat handshake or hug. Dozens of head to head meetings and arm wraps. Floor and aisle chairs were back to inches apart. There was zero social distancing as OLIS video can easily prove. Many Democrats off the camera removed masks at breaks as well as Republicans. Pictures will even show the Presiding Officer without a mask. The President encouraged member staff not to attend supposedly due to medical concerns. President Courtney, Senator Wagner, and select individuals were complete hypocrites in an effort to deflect the debate on SB 881 for pure partisan political purposes not any medical reason what-so-ever.

SB 881 fails all the legal and judicial prerequisites. It is most discriminatory against the largest voting block in Oregon: independent and non-aligned voters. These personal debate observations and vote explanation are submitted in opposition, and for the official State Senate record before state and federal courts including the Oregon Supreme Court and U.S. Supreme Court. This is especially important with President Courtney and Speaker Kotek now attempting to use covid as an excuse for the legislature failing to pass redistricting plans.

Respectfully submitted,

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