

## Vote Explanation SB 1530 B

I voted No on SB 1530 B. What are the accountability measures for the named, private-entity recipients of these funds?

How did this committee choose, in such a short time, these very specific projects....instead of directing the agencies about the purposes of these funds and then having the private entities, like normal, requesting grants through the named government agencies that were allocated the money for these specific purposes? How did a few legislators get together in less than three weeks' time and earmark allocations to these particular projects and entities, out of so very many that were submitted? This fact doesn't even take into account the many, worthy, small non-profits and projects that were unaware of this new maneuver at the legislature to name specific projects within a bill.

The rules changed. Why are we naming specific companies, non-profits, and projects within a bill? The last time I remember anything close to that happening was in a bill that told ODOT which projects to fund. At that time, one might have thought the world was about to end with all the gasps of "Well, I never! That's not how we do things," being echoed throughout the halls of the capitol. Yet, it is apparently a new normal now.

*Kim Thatcher*

State Senator  
District 11

900 Court Street NE  
Salem, OR 97301  
503.986.1711

[www.oregonlegislature.gov/thatcher](http://www.oregonlegislature.gov/thatcher)  
[sen.kimthatcher@oregonlegislature.gov](mailto:sen.kimthatcher@oregonlegislature.gov)