

Secretary: Vote explanation please. Sen Boquist

SB 1530 and SB 1537 are housing bills requested by the Governor and the Senate Housing Committee. The policy portions of the bills to assist in improving access to buildable lands was worked well in the policy committee. Constituents in my district were evenly split on the statutory changes proposed. As usual, the budget pieces as usual were done in secret with particularity to certain legislators and certain locations. SB 1530 allocates \$258 million to state agencies who will never build a single house. SB 1537 allocates \$100 million to state agencies as well. Government regulated affordable housing drives up the cost 40% per the state's own reports. Meaning affordable is less affordable than regular housing. Why Democrats and Uniparty legislators think more government and more spending is the solution to every problem is the very definition of insanity. Doing the same thing over and over again with the same failed result. Oregon need less bureaucracy to build more houses. Consolidate to one agency. Massively cut regulations. Block nonprofit funding as well as large corporate funding. Nonprofits are worse than corporations. Keep property and service on the tax rolls. Direct fund individuals with vouchers. Fund family down payments for home construction with lien to expand financing.