

Secretary: Vote explanation. Sen Boquist.

“SB 1605 in regard to foster care is again before the Legislature as it was last session. Again, the Speaker of the House left the State Capitol with her Democrat colleagues for the last three days of the 2020 Short Session. Someone recently claimed “republicans act like children” yet it is the Democrat legislators who have failed too date to resolve this issue with their supermajority. The claim by the Carrier this issue is about Covid-19 is dubious in the opinion of this State Senator. Spreading panic and fear mongering by Legislators based on politics is wrong. On this issue, the WHO, EUDC, CDC and real medical & science ought to be read by Legislators as it does not match the MEDIA falsehoods or actions of the Governor and her staff. The failure of due diligence and open deliberations on Covid-19, and this Emergency Session is appalling. However, neither the Carrier’s comments in regard to Covid-19 stories or the Governor’s failed policies have nothing to do with this bill. This bill was before the last session. None-the-less, the foster care children need the assistance in this bill while the Emergency Board needs to fund it. Yes vote. B 1604 should not be before the emergency session as this member twice supported this bill in two previous sessions. Twice before is passed the State Senate. Police arbitration should have been passed by the House of Representatives twice but was blocked by the Speaker of the House and her caucus. Why, because the public and police unions opposed the bill in the past. Now, with protests in the streets of Portland, the super majority Democrats now think they have to pass arbitration for police employees to protect their re-elections. Odd given the Democrat history in Oregon of rescinding the Fourteenth Amendment. None-the-less, as we are present, the bill should be passed so Oregon can weed out bad cops while protecting good law enforcement, if not now, next year the super majority may succumb again to the unions. Real social justice is hard to come by in the Legislature. Yes vote.”