

Secretary Brocker:

Vote explanation for SB 388:

SB 388 is well intended to help pardoned individuals start new lives. This is a noble intent. However, it fails on transparency as the public deserves access to the public records that were used by the Governor to make their determination for the pardon. Likewise, the public deserves to know the Court's record on the original conviction on why a Judge and/or Jury made the original conviction. Further, that the Governor is a proponent is very strange. When the President of the United States issued pardons on Oregonians the very same Governor, and Oregon Attorney General, waived court cases in the air issuing press releases condemning the President. They questioned the Constitutional authority. Yet today, they want the record of individuals they pardoned sealed from the public. Keeping these records public will counter any possible misuse of the pardon by future Governors. We need a consistent transparent policy, not SB 388, though well intended.

Sincerely,

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Oregon State Senator