

## **OREGON STATE SENATE**

April 13, 2023

Lori L. Brocker Secretary of the Senate

RE: Vote Explanation for Senate Bill 448

Dear Secretary Brocker,

On Wednesday, April 12th, Senate Republicans made a motion to pull SB 448 from the Senate Labor and Business Committee without following the appropriate legislative process. They did this with a total of five bills back-to-back today.

Making a motion to move a bill directly from committee is a procedural maneuver that undermines our democratic and legislative process. It advances bills before they have been properly vetted by experts and the public. By attempting to bypass the legislative committee process, we are essentially shutting the door to the public. When bills are in committee, Oregonians can weigh in about how these policies could affect their communities and their everyday lives. That won't happen if they bypass the committee process.

Making a motion to move a bill directly from committee to the floor is also fiscally irresponsible. No financial impact statements have been analyzed or posted. We have no way of knowing how these bills will impact state, county, or local budgets or Oregonians' hard earned tax dollars.

Again, I voted no on the procedural motion to pull the bill from committee (the process), not the merits of the actual bill (the content) itself.

Thank you.

Senator Janeen Sollman

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