

**BOOMER WRIGHT**  
**STATE REPRESENTATIVE**  
DISTRICT 9



**HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES**

May 25, 2023

Mr. Timothy G. Sekerak  
Chief Clerk of the House  
900 Court Street NE  
Salem, Oregon 97301

**Re: Vote Explanation on SB 473A per House Rule 3.35**

Dear Mr. Chief Clerk,

I voted “no” on SB 473A because the engrossed bill deviated from the introduced bill that was heard and considered by the Senate Education Committee and passed in the Senate on a bipartisan basis on April 18, 2023.

The amended bill that the House voted on gutted the most important provisions of the introduced bill and crippled the intent to take direct action. Instead, the bill the House debated and voted on took us from a position in which we were taking direct action and moved it to a position in which SB 473A will direct the Oregon Department of Education to conduct a study that will be returned to us probably in September 2024.

I am committed to protecting the safety and health of our children. I believe we need to do much better when it comes to tackling and preventing sex trafficking, especially sex trafficking of our children. As a life-long educator and school administrator, I deeply care about this topic. However, the way SB 473A was amended does not mean progress. It will only mean additional delay. We need to take immediate action now.

For these reasons stated above, I voted “no.”

Sincerely,

Boomer Wright  
Member  
Oregon House of Representatives