

Secretary: Vote explanation please. Senator Boquist

“SB 497 like multiple other bills at this time of Session did not get vetted in the House Judiciary Committee. It wrongly was sent to Ways & Means before a complete legislative policy review. It then takes \$7 million in appropriations for the Department of Corrections designating it for “community-based supervision for designated person misdemeanors involving domestic violence.” Oregon does not do this for other misdemeanors. This is a new program. An end run on the budget. Note individuals that continue as domestic threat should have charged and prosecuted by District Attorneys for the higher crime thus placed in the existing probation programs. Which by the way are continuously cut in the budget process in real dollars. A better approach would be to hold District Attorneys more accountable while funding the existing programs not create a new program.”