

Vote Explanation on SB 497:

SB 497 was passed from committee weeks ago and should have come to the floor. Funding for the program could have been in the Department of Corrections budget bill which passed from committee this week. I voted No on SB 497 because I do not think backdoor funding for programs is appropriate. The Legislature should be consistent in how it appropriates taxpayer dollars. The Legislature should keep policy and budgets separate.