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### VOTE EXPLANATION

March 12, 2025

Obadiah "Obie" Rutledge  
Secretary of the Senate

Bill Number: SB 551

I voted yes on SB 551 for several reasons that I explained in my Floor Speech and verbal Vote Explanation on the Senate Floor.

Representing a vast portion of ocean beaches, rivers and recreational areas in Senate District 1, I cannot remember the last time I have not come across plastic littering these and other areas. Many of the problems come from those individuals that are homeless. To that end, I have drafted and submitted SB 359 this session that would: "Authorizes any person to submit a complaint to the Department of Environmental Quality if the person reasonably believes that a camping site of homeless individuals is causing the discharge of wastes into state waters. Directs the department to remove individuals from the camping site and clean the camping site as necessary to protect state waters." However, I have been unable to get a hearing on this critical bill.

Lastly, we have severe wildfire issues associated with the lack of management across the federal lands. I am working on ways we can harvest more land base, adding to fuels reduction and local logs to local mills. By shifting to paper bags, our pulp & paper industry and their associated jobs will need more timber to create more paper bags. This will be an economic win for our district and associated jobs across the state.

Respectfully,

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