

JANEEN SOLLMAN
STATE SENATOR
DISTRICT 15



OREGON STATE SENATE

April 13, 2023

Lori L. Brocker
Secretary of the Senate

RE: Vote Explanation for Senate Bill 58

Dear Secretary Brocker,

On Wednesday, April 12th, Senate Republicans made a motion to pull SB 58 from the Senate Natural Resources Committee without following the appropriate legislative process. They did this with a total of five bills back-to-back today.

As a mom, grandma, environmental advocate, and current Chair of the Senate Energy & Environment, I am passionate about protecting our environment and health of our communities. My vote against this procedural motion was not a vote against the merits of SB 58 or any of the other bills Senate Republicans attempted to remove from committee.

Making a motion to move a bill directly from committee is a procedural maneuver that undermines our democratic and legislative process. This bill did not receive a work session in its policy committee and did not go through the full pathway a bill goes through before coming to the floor.

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.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Janeen Sollman". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Senator Janeen Sollman
Senate District 15