



The Office of
Senator Wlnsvey E. Campos

Oregon Senate District 18

VOTE EXPLANATION ON SJR 17, APRIL 19, 2023

To: Lori L. Brocker, Secretary of the Senate

Dear Secretary Brocker,

On Tuesday, April 18, Senate Republicans made a motion to pull SJR 17 from the Senate Committee on Rules without following the appropriate legislative process.

My vote against this procedural motion was not a vote against the merits of SJR 17 or any of the other bills Senate Republicans attempted to remove from committee, but instead a vote against their attempt to undermine our democratic and legislative process.

Making a motion to move a bill directly from committee advances bills before they have been appropriately considered by experts and the public. It is central to our democratic process that the public can provide insight and share their opinions on the bills that we pass and that they know what we are working on every step of the way. Transparency and accessibility must be the cornerstones of our work as legislators. When we bypass the committee process, we shut the public out of conversations about legislation that could affect their communities, families, and lives.

Furthermore, making a motion to move a bill directly from committee to the floor means that financial impact statements have not 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. I cannot in good conscience vote in favor of a fiscally irresponsible process.

Again, I voted no on the procedural motion to pull the bill from committee, not the merits of the actual bill itself.

Thank you



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Oregon State Senator, Senate District 18

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