

Testimony against SB 1532, -13 amendments

Chair Dembrow and committee members:

My name is Anna Scharf and I am here on behalf of Scharf Farms Inc. in Polk County, Perrydale, OR. I am back again to urge a NO vote on SB1532 as well as the proposed various amendments.

Since I was here Tuesday, we are now on the -13 amendments...yes 3 days and 13 amendments.....I have to wonder if that is a record? None the less, these new changes do little to ease my concerns.

This morning, I was sitting in Corvallis as a trustee on the Oregon 4H board; working on ways to help youth throughout the state. I excused myself from that meeting so I could come here to tell you that this legislation hurts the work that I am trying to do there.

On the way here, I had time to talk to my school district business manager about how this increase will affect my rural school district of 300 kids where I am a school board member. We discussed the negative impacts a wage increase, in addition to the upcoming PERS increases and Affordable Care Act tax, will have on our classrooms.

I also called my Polk County Fairgrounds manager and asked how I, as a publically appointed board member, will be able to mitigate a wage increase on our local county fair and I asked how many youth we will have to cut from our summer hire program.

So, here I am AGAIN, plugging the City of Salem parking meters, so I can AGAIN share with you all of the negative impacts a minimum wage increase will have.

Yesterday, I sat in the House Consumer Protection and Government Effectiveness Committee, listening to why Home Owners Associations should not be able to mandate watering of yards during a drought. I thought seriously...that is what a short 35 day legislative session is about?

I thought it was about fixing or clarifying legislation passed during the last session or by interim ballot measures; fixes such as those created by the passage of legalized marijuana and mandatory sick time. I thought it was a time to work on budget tweaks necessary until the next full session. I didn't think it was a time to work through cumbersome -13 amendments or a time to address back yard water squabbles.

In the words of a famous Disney song..."LET IT GO". Let this bill go and get to work on what this session was intended for.

Thank you.

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