

HB 4111 – amendment -10

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In regards to the addition of the -10 amendment to HB 4111, I would ask the committee to please consider the following:

In 2014, nearly one million Oregon voters defeated an effort to give state issued photo ID – in the form of driver cards – to people who could not prove their legal presence in the U.S.

The sponsors of SB833 made every attempt to disguise their goals – even going so far as to attempt to hi-jack the ballot title. Every major newspaper in Oregon came out against their under-handed attempt to confuse Oregon voters by burying their intent deep in the text of the bill.

Fortunately, thirty-five of Oregon's thirty-six counties defeated driver cards as did all five of Oregon's Congressional districts. The measure received more votes than did the Governors race.

Measure 88 was defeated with a resounding 66% NO vote.

This 11th hour amendment (-10), yet another attempt to license people here illegally, was put forth in the waning days of the short session and is a backdoor attempt to undermine the will of the people. The addition of the “emergency clause” is a sharp poke in the eye to voters who, via Measure 88, a citizen's veto referendum, made it very clear that they did not want to provide state issued photo ID to people in our country illegally.

Elected officials considering this amendment should remember and respect the will of the people.

Furthermore, line 19 is particularly troubling. After a short list of documents required to prove one's identity, line 19 states that **the department may not verify the documents**. Why is that? That would seem to generously open the door to fraud and welcome even more problems into our state.

Please pass HB 4111 out of committee as the clean, common sense bill that was delivered to you from the House.

Thank you for your kind consideration of my testimony.