



March 12, 2019

To: House Committee on Judiciary  
From: Zack Reeves, Oregon Association of Broadcasters  
Re: Concerns with House Bill 2866

Chair Williamson and members of the committee,

I'm Zack Reeves, here today to testify on House Bill 2866 on behalf of the Oregon Association of Broadcasters, comprising 27 television stations and over 200 radio stations throughout the state.

Our television stations pride themselves on their thorough coverage of events in the state. From breaking news to weather events to political rallies, our cameras roll for thousands of hours of live news coverage annually. Under the definition of 'audiovisual data' in the base bill our broadcasters would be required to obtain consent from anyone captured by our cameras during a broadcast. This would be a difficult, if not impossible, task. Imagine a live news shot in front of the upcoming Shamrock Run in Portland and attempting to obtain consent of every running passing in the background.

We don't believe that the proponents intended to require members of the media to obtain the consent of any person being broadcast during news coverage. The -2 amendments, which alter the definition of 'audiovisual data' and others, were presented to us last night. We are in the process of reviewing them and look forward to continued discussions on the issue.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit this testimony.

Regards,

Zack Reeves