

May 6, 2019.

Dear House Committee Members on Rules.

My name is Vance Hoddle and I am a Regional Vice President for the Canteen Division of Compass Group, NAD.

In that capacity, I work very closely with and in support of Blind Vendors here in Oregon, who run their own businesses as administered by way of the Randolph Sheppard Act, through the Business Enterprise Program of Oregon.

I want to share with you today, that it is my belief, that the proposed legislation introduced just recently by Metro, which is identified as HB 3431, will have a severe/adverse and crippling effect upon many if not all of Oregon's Blind Vendors.

With that, I make contact with you today, to provide this written testimony doing so in non support of HB 3431, which is scheduled for Public Hearing before you on Wednesday May 8th, 2019.

The alarming rate of over 70% unemployment among persons who are blind here in Oregon, (should not be encouraged and/or allowed to increase) by way of this proposed legislation.

Therefore, I ask for your thoughtful consideration and non support of this proposed legislation here before you, but rather I encourage you to stimulate discussions, negotiations, and good faith compromise between Metro, the Oregon Commission for the Blind, and the Blind Vendors of Oregon.

Thank you for your time, let's help find a "win win" for all.

Sincerely,
Vance Hoddle