

David S. Wall
P.O. Box 756 Newberg, Oregon 97132; [408-287-6838]

March 30, 2021

To: Senate Committee on Judiciary and Ballot Measure 110 Implementation; others

Re: I OPPOSE [SB 778-1]...Oregon is going to have a budget shortfall and you want to spend more money you do not have. The Legislature are losers all the way 'round. [SB 778 -1] is triple-distilled, Bull-Manure politics.

The construct of [SB 778-1] has flawed conditions. Each flawed condition is a "Kiss-of-Death (KOD)" issue.

1st KOD issue: "SECTION 1. (1) There is established within the office of the Governor the Office of Immigrant and Refugee Advancement for the purpose of operating a statewide immigrant and refugee integration strategy."

Oregon doesn't need or can afford another "office" to be comfortably nested in the Governor's Office. Oregon needs to dump the Governor next election cycle.

2nd KOD issue: "... (b) Collect data on immigrant and refugee populations in this state for the purposes of determining the needs of the populations and tracking progress in reducing social, economic and health disparities for the populations."

Clarification is needed why taxpayers need to pay for, "...reducing social, economic and health disparities for the populations." What about doing the same for natural born citizens of the U.S. A.? How about treating everyone equally under the law? What about illegal aliens? Is Oregon going to enable and facilitate Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) to rid our state of these criminals?

3rd KOD issue: "...The office may: (a) Partner with other state agencies as needed to meet the objectives of the office; (b) Partner with community-based organizations as needed to meet the objectives of the office; and (c) Adopt rules as necessary to carry out this section."

Are the aforementioned partnerships going to comply with [HB 2374]? Are the immigrants and refugees legally in the U.S.A.? If not, how is Oregon going to protect its' employees from being prosecuted for felony violations of immigration law? How much additional costs are going to be born under [HB 5110]? Are the necessary budgetary re-apportionments governed by [HB 2102] going to be satisfactorily on time?

4th KOD issue: "SECTION 2. There is appropriated to the Office of Immigrant and Refugee Advancement for the biennium beginning July 1, 2021, out of the General Fund, the amount of \$_____, for the purposes of employing two full-time employees and carrying out the provisions of section 1 of this 2021 Act."

Any "fill in the blank" appropriation from the General Fund is an automatic KOD.

The (-1 Amendment) of, "...out of the General Fund... the amount of \$1,000,000..." to initiate the Office of Immigration and Refugee Advancement-Wow, a double KOD.

5th KOD issue: "... (e) Ensure that any racial and ethnic impact statements for legislation accurately include the impact to immigrants and refugees in this state who are individuals who are Black, indigenous or other people of color;..."

The Oregon Legislature, plays the political race card, again and again. "No" 14th Amendment protections here.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ David S. Wall