

January 25, 2023

Re: HB 2279 Remove residency requirement

In addition to the testimony I offered during the public hearing, I wanted to add the following information after understanding the real reason this bill was submitted. That reason being: our previous governor and attorney general were unwilling to defend the law that Oregonians had passed.

As a state representative, I know that your oath of office includes a requirement that you uphold the U.S. Constitution. As such, you are probably aware of the 10th Amendment to the Constitution which states.

The powers not delegated to the United States by the Constitution, nor prohibited by it to the States, are reserved to the States respectively, or to the people.

I've read the Constitution many times and have never seen that the U.S. government has the power to regulate assisted suicide. Therefore, this belongs to the states. And this implies that each state may regulate it differently, just like states regulate in a different manner vote by mail, marijuana, recycling of bottles, etc. We should be standing up for our rights under the 10th amendment of the constitution.

I again ask you to let this bill die and not proceed further.

Sincerely,

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