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Testimony in objection to SB 947
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SB 947's effort to eliminate the meaning of words should come as no surprise. For years the Democrats have been working to render meaningless such complex terms as "boy" and "girl."

But 947 is a particularly ham fisted effort, substituting the meaningless phrase "national guard" for a word that has a real historical meaning; "militia".

Note, we are not referring to the "National Guard," words that actually *mean* something. No, the sponsors of this bill have just pulled a term out of, well... the air. To do exactly...what?

Well clearly the effort is to eliminate the very notion of a citizen militia. Something that actually exists and has for the entire history of our country. Why? Because the far left sponsors want to remind the people of Oregon that all force and power rests with the state and that they, the people, are mere subjects.

The “fiscal impact” on this ego-driven buffoonery says *“May Have Fiscal Impact, But No Statement Yet Issued”*

But this isn't quite accurate.

Every pointless bill introduced by self aggrandizing legislators costs the people of Oregon thousands of dollars in staff time. No matter how frivolous or ill intentioned, the people of Oregon get to pay lawyers and IT professionals and committee staff for the production of what are essentially press releases for the next fundraising email blast. Imagine if every one of the thousands of bills introduced listed its price tag.

This would be absurd enough in a state that was not so horribly mismanaged, but one has to wonder if the people behind this latest absurdity ever bother to look at any news stories that don't have their name in them.

Oregon is battling its way to last place in education. Our kids cannot read or write. (Of course that does not stop them from graduating, likely with honors.)

Our streets are wastelands of homeless drug addicts dying of overdoses, often with needles paid for with tax dollars.

Our roads are crumbling because our DOT is “broke.”

Dangerous criminals are released onto our streets because of the mismanagement of our public defender system.

Yet, the Democrats have the time and money to squander on a bill whose only intention is to further subjugate the people,

which largely makes no sense, and which is only moving because its self important sponsor chairs the committee.

Democrats nationwide are losing their minds because of the revelations of billions of dollars of taxpayer money being funneled into their favorite self serving gifts. Oregon is disintegrating and the Democrats are doing all they can to make that continue at lightning speed.

Spare us, ditch this nonsense and do your jobs.