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I write today in strong opposition to HB 3076, which represents yet another example of government overreach that threatens individual freedoms, private enterprise, and the principle of limited government. While I recognize that the bill may be well-intentioned, its implications set a dangerous precedent for unnecessary regulatory expansion and government intrusion into private matters.

First and foremost, HB 3076 expands governmental authority into areas that should be governed by individual responsibility and market forces rather than legislative mandates. It assumes that government bureaucrats are better equipped to regulate private affairs than the individuals and businesses that are directly impacted. This is not only an overreach but a fundamental misstep in a free society that values personal and economic liberty.

Moreover, this bill increases compliance burdens on individuals and businesses, creating more red tape and bureaucratic oversight. This will undoubtedly result in increased costs, wasted resources, and administrative bloat, all of which will ultimately be borne by taxpayers and consumers. Government should not be in the business of micromanaging private sector operations or restricting choices that should be left to individuals and organizations.

Furthermore, HB 3076 raises concerns about the erosion of personal freedoms. The government's role should be to protect constitutional rights, not infringe upon them under the guise of regulation. Expanding state control in this manner opens the door to further encroachments on personal and business autonomy, setting a dangerous precedent for future legislative overreach.

Oregon should be working toward policies that reduce government interference, promote personal accountability, and encourage free enterprise—not increasing restrictions and regulatory burdens. I urge this committee to reject HB 3076 and instead pursue policies that respect the rights of individuals and businesses while fostering a system of accountability that does not rely on excessive government intervention.