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I OPPOSE SB 1191

Democrats released this statement: "Rights granted in the United States Constitution and the Oregon Constitution include freedoms of speech and association along with rights to due process and to be free from unreasonable searches and seizures." If the constitution already contains these rights, then what is the necessity of this bill? Could it be that the courts have gone rogue? And what about Second Amendment protections against "unreasonable searches and seizures" absent in SB 243, SB 3075 and SB 3076?

We've all heard of "ambulance chasers". Those people have a legitimate license. This bill opens the door for illegitimate chasers, no license required. In Oregon, it isn't just interfering with judicial administration, it's the unauthorized practice of law (UPL) can also include impersonating a lawyer providing advice, even if the person is not charging for their services. Federal law forbids unauthorized immigration consultants or "notarios" who provide immigration advice on specific situations can be prosecuted under federal law.

It has been suggested that this bill is to cover the Governor and Attorney General in giving sanctuary state advice to protect noncitizens. Perhaps they think that state law can trump federal law.