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On Behalf Of:  
Committee: Senate Committee On Rules  
Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB3768

Honorable Chair and Committee Members,  
I oppose HB3768 TO ESTABLISH Nowruz day.

Nowruz, the Persian New Year, is rooted in the ancient religion of Zoroastrianism that emphasizes broad concepts such as the work of good and evil in the world and the connection of humans to nature.

The state should not be endorsing any religious based day under the separation of state from church, which requires the state to stay out of religion.

None of the "WhereAs" in this bill are valid reasons for the state to push a day of celebration on false pretenses.

Oregonians are looking for you to do serious work and not create problems and discourse. This bill does the opposite and will never unify communities, if that is the point.