



Assigning SB 2 in the House

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On Wednesday, March 21st, The Oregon State Senate voted 21-7 in favor of Senate Bill 2 (SB2), a bill that if passed, will lead to suppression and criminalization of our rights as Christians to express or verbalize conscientiously held religious beliefs and convictions. In addition to granting a right, where no right exists, *it purports to "protect" the "health, safety and morals" of the "inhabitants" of Oregon when in fact it does just the opposite.*

House Judiciary Committee, or Rules Committee?

It was announced today to members of the Oregon House of Representatives that SB 2 has been referred to Speaker of the House Jeff Merkley's desk for assignment to either the Rules Committee or Judiciary Committee.

Please pray that Representative Merkley will assign it to the Judiciary Committee. It belongs there for the following reasons:

- The bill has enormous legal ramifications for employers, public accommodations; churches; free speech and conscience issues; as well as education; not to speak of the ramifications for civil government itself.
- If passed, there will be extensive and costly litigation that will place a considerable financial burden on taxpayers, government officials and government entities, including the Judiciary.
- The judicial system will be embroiled with law suits between by two vastly different sets of values, beliefs, and convictions, brought into collision by an unwise legislature.

Take Action

Call Speaker Merkley's office directly at 503-986- 1200 or via the legislature's toll free number, 1-800-332- 2313, and ask the Speaker to assign the bill where it belongs, in the Judiciary Committee using one or more of the above reasons. You can also send an email to him at rep.jeffmerkley@state.or.us

Forward this email to your friends and pastor. Ask them to take action and forward this email to their friends, asking them to do the same.

Ask them to go to the Restore America website and subscribe to our Updates and Commentaries so they can join us in opposing this bill, and others akin to it. We need a growing army of believers in Oregon whose voices ring in unison against bad bills and for good ones.

"I urge you, by all that is clear, by all that is honorable, by all that is sacred, not only that ye pray, but that ye act." John Hancock, 1737-1793. First Signer of the Declaration of Independence, and Governor of Massachusetts

Prayerfully
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"For the weapons of our warfare are not of the flesh, but mighty through God to the pulling down of strongholds, casting down imaginations, and every high thing that exalts itself against the knowledge of God, and bringing into captivity every thought to the obedience of Christ." 2 Corinthians 10:3-5

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