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*Commentary*

## **Oregon HB 3526 & SB 2: Why These Bills Are Not In Our Best Interest**

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*The following Appeal is being sent to all Oregon State Representatives and Senators, and the entire Restore America mailing list.*

**HB 3526 and SB 2 are not constructive bills and should not be passed by the Oregon Legislature.** Both are morally, ethically, socially, educationally, economically, and constitutionally destructive. To Wit:

### **Morally & Ethically**

They violate the Law of Conscience.

- They **suppress** the Right of the people to make moral distinctions and to speak freely on those conscientiously held opinions and convictions.
- They **force** churches and Christians to make a choice between unlawful human laws and the eternal moral laws of God, a choice that government should not impose and has never been authorized to impose.

They **ignore and contradict** God's purposeful, natural, moral laws governing relationships between men and women; men with men; women with women; the sanctity of the traditional family, and the well being of children.

They **ignore** 5000 years of human history, social science, and medical research, by granting a right where no right exists, to protect and extend privileges to that which has for millennia been recognized as immoral and unhealthy behavior.

- Sexual orientation is not like race nor like sex. It is a choice.
- There is no valid scientific proof or evidence that it is inherited, only that it is acquired.

- Why should a whole class of people have a legal right to impose that on others?
- Adulterers and fornicators don't ask for - nor are they afforded any such rights.
- Why should the homosexual, lesbian, bisexual, transgender community be given legal privileges that no one else has?

These bills state, shamelessly, that, *"The purpose...is to ensure the human dignity of all people within this state and protect their health, safety and morality."*

- How do these bills protect our 'health' and 'morality'?
- All research, including the Center for Disease Control, provide ample and unequivocal evidence that these behaviors entail serious disease and life threatening consequences.
- And whose 'morality' do these bills protect?

### **Socially**

These bills **ignore and violate** the natural right of parents to protect their children.

They **ignore and disregard** the entire body of research regarding the well being of children.

They **demonstrate a preference** for proven, dangerous, and unhealthy behavior.

### **Educationally**

These bills **violate the right of parents** to determine what their children will be taught in public schools.

They **demonstrate disregard** for parental moral values and convictions.

Both bills state that, *"The Legislative Assembly intends by this chapter to provide: (1) A program of public education calculated to eliminate attitudes..."*

- It is the responsibility of civil government to protect well recognized rights, **not behaviors**, and certainly not to engage in mind control by mandating 'a program of education calculated to eliminate attitudes' which most Americans clearly hold, and for good reason.

The **Civil Rights Division of the Department of Justice** states that, *"Students in public schools, as well as public colleges and universities, may not be discriminated against based on religion."* Further, *"Students also do not shed their right to religious expression at the schoolhouse gate."*

### **Economically**

The cost to the taxpayers for changes in 'public accommodations' alone would be enormous, not to speak of endless litigation, attorneys fees and further exodus from our public schools.

## Constitutionally

Both of these bills **suppress the right of the people to freedom of speech and association**, the very things our Forefathers fought to preserve, and for which millions have died.

They elevate an unhealthy and life threatening behavior to a civil right, opening the door to any and every group who wish to justify their behavior, claiming a 'civil right.'

- No civil right is based on behavior.
- The vast majority of Oregonians, and Americans, do not want a behavior, and certainly an immoral behavior, elevated to 'Civil Right' status.

Both bills put a **judge** in charge of deciding church employment matters, in clear violation of the **Constitution** and **Federal Civil Rights Law** which states, "*religious institutions ... are permitted to preserve their religious character and autonomy through hiring and staffing decisions.*"

## Summation

**HB 3526 and SB 2** are not good for Oregonians morally, ethically, socially, educationally, economically or constitutionally, and therefore should not be passed. Passage will be seen by the majority of Oregonians as an unnecessary capitulation to a powerful, organized and vociferous minority by the granting of a non existent 'right'. It will evidence the tragedy of what John Marshall, noted Supreme Court Chief Justice called, "local passions over sound public policy."

On the above grounds, and all that is wise, we appeal to you, even implore you, to oppose these bills in their entirety. They are not good for the people of Oregon.

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He who walks with integrity, and works righteousness, and speaks truth in his heart." Psalm 15:1-2

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