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Oregon Progressive Party Independent Party of Oregon

Position on Bill at 2021 Session of Oregon Legislature:

SB 448: Oppose

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Dear Committee:

The Oregon Progressive Party (OPP) and Independent Party of Oregon (IPO) oppose this bill, which requires unnecessary reviews of all permanent agency rules every 6 years.

If a rule has lost its rationale or effectiveness, the agency can already repeal it. Requiring that all "permanent" rules sunset in 6 years will simply create a huge paperwork burden for Oregon agencies and officials. No doubt such agencies/officials will determine that nearly all permanent rules remain the most efficient and least costly way to achieve their purpose. Otherwise, the agencies/officials would repeal those rules under existing laws and procedures.

Many rules affect businesses. SB 448 would create uncertainty about the lifespan of all "permanent" rules and thus impair business planning and investment.

Does Oregon government really need more paperwork?

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