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LD 91

Testimony in review of LD 91 "An Act to Adopt the National 2022 Amendments to the Uniform Commercial Code"

Senators and Representatives of the Committee on Judiciary, my name is Bill Smith, I live in Gorham and testify in opposition to LD 91.

The proposed bill LD 91 puts no specific safe guards in place for federal or state over reach with respect to digital assets or securities.

I raise this concern in the context of the response of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve to the Federal Reserves report docket number 1670 titled "The Federal Reserve actions to support interbank settlement of faster payments".

[https://www.federalreserve.gov/SECRS/2019/December/20191227/OP-1670/OP-1670\\_110719\\_136966\\_354677923652\\_1.pdf](https://www.federalreserve.gov/SECRS/2019/December/20191227/OP-1670/OP-1670_110719_136966_354677923652_1.pdf)

The response is located here:

[https://www.federalreserve.gov/SECRS/2019/October/20191008/OP-1670/OP-1670\\_092819\\_134428\\_421945238742\\_1.pdf](https://www.federalreserve.gov/SECRS/2019/October/20191008/OP-1670/OP-1670_092819_134428_421945238742_1.pdf)

The response justifiably raises concerns of the social impact of the FedNow Service.

In this response William Michael Cunningham states:

"The main economic attributes of a technically effective currency rests on three functions: as a unit of account, a store of value and as a medium of exchange. A unit of account is a common measure for the value for goods and services, the store of value is the way in which we store wealth in order to transfer purchasing power from the present to the future, and the medium of exchange function dictates which item is accepted for

the payment of goods and services. In recent history, these functions have been fulfilled by fiat currencies backed by central banks across both developed and developing nations. Through monetary policy manipulation, the key attraction of these currencies - price stability and widespread acceptance - is implemented through a

central banking system, enjoying a great deal of trust globally.

"But there is a fourth function of money: as a means of social control. The centralized monopoly over the functions of money held by sovereign governments and central banks has generated great income and wealth imbalances. Concerns about a lack of central bank performance with respect to financial inclusion, income inequality, economic system stability and the tendency of central banks to intermeditate on behalf of large financial institutions supported the creation of cryptocurrency"

This centralized control over all citizen's monetary wealth needs to be openly and clearly admitted. Discussions must occur to make blatant the gross level of control over the populace such a system will give to the controlling entity. Safe guards against such an entity must be in plain sight and declared to the public.

This bill performs none of these acts nor does it even question the fact of limitless power a CBDC or even FedNow places in the hands of the non-governmental organization The Federal Reserve.

With this in mind I suggest you vote OUGHT NOT PASS for LD 91.

Thank you.

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