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ATTENTION: House Rules Chair & Legislators
FROM: Ruth Bendl
RE: HB 3521

For 3.00 p.m. Hearing on Wednesday

Given the number of bumbles by election offices both in 2012 and just recently, I think that the focus should be on putting policies in place by election offices to prevent the following:

1. The recent mailing of 444 Voter Notification cards to erroneous addresses and recipients. A bungle that could endanger the identity safety of the people for whom the cards were intended;
2. The mailing of 1000 ballots with incorrect ballot style to Multnomah County voters;
3. The failure to clear the electoral roll of deceased voters, thus resulting in votes being cast post-mortem. by who knows who.
4. The fact that Voter Notification cards are even issued to voter registration applicants who have failed to give any I.D. proof is also disturbing, since these cards are government documents. At the very least the cards that are sent to registration applicants who have failed to provide I.D. proof, should have an alert that they are NOT identity proof notices.

Other agencies have other priorities, which could just lead to more confusion.

I therefor oppose any move towards automatic voter registration by officials in other agencies agencies with other priorities.

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