

# Testimony against SB 150

## House Committee on Rules

Wednesday May 8, 2013

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SB 150

I strongly oppose the passage of HB 2017 as introduced.

Section 1 The removal of the requirement for different color ballots for the major political parties is unnecessary, and will make any recounts of those primary ballots very expensive unless they are always handled separately. A heading denoting party could be placed on all 4 sides of the front of the ballot and all 4 sides of the back of the ballot – but it will still make that recount process impossible. If the end goal of eliminating different color ballots is that of eliminating separate party primaries, may I suggest changing this statute AT THAT TIME.

Section 2 Increasing civil penalties for violation of election law is always a good thing. However, this bill does not go far enough with those penalty increases. Rep. Esquivel has a bill – HB 3505 that has been combined with this bill and offered as a friendly amendment. **It amends 260.993 to add 260.567, 260.569, 260.635, 260.675, 260.685, 260.695 (4), 260.705 as a Class C felony.**

**Additionally, ORS 260.995 is amended to change the civil penalties**

**(d) 25,000 for each violation of ORS 260.569.**

**(e) \$50,000 for each violation of ORS 260.555, 260.558, 260.567, 260.575, 260.635 or 260.695 (4).**

**(f) \$125,000 for each violation of ORS 247.125 (1), 247.171 (5) or (6), 247.420 (2), 253.710, 260.645, 260.665 (2) or (3)**

**involving any action described in ORS 260.665 (2)(d) to (f), 260.675, 260.705 or 260.715.**

**(g) Twice the amount of the allowed civil penalty for a violation listed in this subsection if the violation is committed by a public official while acting in an official capacity.**

Respectfully submitted,

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