

Chris Garrett, Chair
House Rules Committee

Chair Garrett:

On behalf of the Pacific Green Party of Oregon, I am writing to express our support for SB 146, which affects the process by which minor political parties maintain their ballot status in Oregon.

I have spoken with the leadership of other minor parties including the Working Families, Independent, Libertarian and Progressive parties. There is unanimous support among those that I have polled for using four year periods as the basis for ballot qualification--which is what this bill supports.

Although ballot access laws vary significantly from state to state, there are 21 other states which use four year qualifying periods, including Arizona, Colorado, Maine, Minnesota, New York, Utah and Wisconsin.

SB 146 is a win-win for the smaller political parties and for the State of Oregon--reducing bureaucratic hurdles for everyone. On behalf of the 10,000+ members of the Pacific Green Party, I ask that you send SB 146 to the floor of the House with a "do pass" recommendation.

Thank you.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/

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