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Honorable Chair Representative Chris Garrett, Vice-Chair Representative Wally Hicks, Vice-Chair Representative Val Hoyle, Representative Bob Jenson, Representative Bill Kennemer, Representative Paul Holvey, Representative Phil Barnhart, Representative Vicki Berger, and Representative Michael Dembrow,

I oppose HB2739.

While it only proposes minor changes in the voter notification process, it makes new provisions for 'automatic systems' for signature verification processes on the last page. This new system will take away the peoples right to observe the signature verification process. Since it is not observable, we just have to trust that the decisions this system makes are accurate. There is no way of verifying the accuracy. These systems are programed by people. The citizens need to be able to do their due diligence on the observation process.

Currently each citizen can have multiple signatures on file. It is possible for anyone, though it is against the law, to overtake someone's ballot by just filling in a registration card and submitting it with their own version of the electors signature. Thus this new signature would be accepted as one of the variations. One of the valid signatures of one elector in Multnomah county is "Do not count this ballot it is fraud" . I objected to this signature only to be told that it is a valid signature for this elector. No notary public would accept such a signature.

There is no testing provisions for electronic security anywhere in the law for the machines. These programing processes are all part of a secret security plan. The people have no meaningful oversight of the security of the system. This would add to the problem. I would suggest a real observable process be written into the law. One that would allow all parties to observe electronic programing of election processes. Please provide an amendment that includes check sums of these processes be open to monitoring at anytime.

The more open the system is to being monitored by all, the more people will know the system is honest.

Thank you for consideration of my comments.

Respectfully,  
Janice Dysinger