

**77th OREGON LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY – 2013 Regular Session**  
**STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY**  
**House Committee on Rules**

**MINORITY REPORT**  
**MEASURE: HB 2988 A**  
**CARRIER: Rep. Hicks**

**REVENUE: No revenue impact**

**FISCAL: Minimal fiscal impact, no statement issued**

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**Action:** Do Pass as Amended and Be Printed Engrossed  
**Signers of the Report:** Rep. Berger and Rep. Hicks  
**Prepared By:** Erin Seiler, Administrator  
**Meeting Dates:** 3/13

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**WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:** Allows person who is at least 16-years-old to register to vote. Prohibits disclosure of voter registration information, including but not limited to name and identifying information, of registered person under 18 years. Prohibits person under 18 years from using voter registration form to select political party affiliation.

**ISSUES DISCUSSED:**

- Engaging young voters early
- Impact of 16-year-old preregistration laws in other states
- Increase participation of younger voters
- Statistical data on 16-years-old that have registered
- Importance of voting
- Cost of implementation
- Impact of Motor Voter Law on access to registration
- Natural intersection of 16-years-old and Department of Motor Vehicles for voter registration
- Management of “waiting to be activated” voter data
- Ability of 16-years-old to select political party
- Relationship between political party affiliation of children and parents
- Disclosure of voter registration information of preregistered voters’

**EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT:** Prohibits disclosure of voter registration information including, but not limited to, name and identifying information, of registered person under 18 years. Prohibits person under 18 years from using voter registration form to select political party affiliation.

**BACKGROUND:** In 2007, House Bill 2910 amended voter registration requirements to allow an otherwise qualified person who was at least 17-years-old register to vote at any time as long as they are 18 at the time of the election. In addition, it required the Oregon Department of Transportation to inform 17-years-old that they may register to vote.

House Bill 2988-A would change voter registration requirements to allow an otherwise qualified person who was at least 16-years-old to register to vote at any time, but it would prohibit those under 18 years from using voter registration form to select political party affiliation.

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