

Please provide copies to Senate Rules Committee members:

Regarding SB 1515 –

Opposed this bill. While I applaud exploration of reducing governmental expenses but to do so at the VERY REAL risk of the sanctity of voting privacy combined with the false sense of Internet security is indeed a foolish gambit. If it really is about reducing costs of government, there is PLENTY of waste in spending to be found and reduced than further putting the security of the security of voting at risk. The folly of Cover Oregon and the Secretary of State's own websites viability are evidence of this risk.

There is reduced voter participation and a very real permeable risk to vote security already – Internet voting, even exploring such with larger existing governmental arenas needing scrutiny than opening a new area given the security risks we already face. The hacking of Target stores data base and almost countless other data bases are prime examples of why our security is at risk, despite the nation's best and brightest computer protections.

This proposal is far too infantile to even yet deserve a legislative study group, we've far greater financial priorities than saving money with a foolhardy proposal and wasteful scheme with our nation's most sacred guarantee of citizenship.

Regarding SB 1564

Support this bill. The increased accountability of government for ballots is a laudable at the same time putting more local control to ensure proper balloting procedures are followed.

If increased voter participation is the legislature's goal, this bill is a very real step in the right direction. Citizen involvement provides a window on the process and places greater control at the grassroots such as guaranteed, rather than furthering voter disenfranchisement and participation.

Thank you for your consideration.

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