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To: Senate Rules Committee  
From: Len Norwitz, Political Organizer - SEIU Local 503  
Re: Senate Bill 1581-2  
Date: February 19<sup>th</sup> 2014

Chair Rosenbaum, Vice-Chair Ferrioli and members of the Senate Rules Committee: We write in support of Senate Bill 1581-2 - in public hearing before you today - that directs public universities and community colleges to increase voter registration access and information in Oregon. We know of the good work brought to campus by the members and leaders of the Oregon Student Association and applaud their leadership on this topic.

As a membership organization of some 55,000 Oregonians SEIU 503 understands the benefits as well as challenges of a voter registration system - that due to our vote-by-mail system - requires constant vigilance around voter status and address changes. The wide array of public Higher Ed's geographic campuses are not only strategic for educating our citizenry but also for community benefits and the civic engagement. We see any efforts to make non-partisan voter registration more available and familiar as important ingredients to our democracy.

Thank you for your consideration of this legislation.

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