I encourage you to not vote for SB 1515. It is beyond understanding why the legislature wants to waste resources to look at something that currently isn't a viable or secure method for voting. No one can audit Internet voting, and technology experts have demonstrated it is impossible to design without threat of fraud. Even the federal government has concluded that "no current or proposed technologies [are] offering a viable solution" for how to audit Internet voting. At least with paper ballots, in the final analysis someone has to come up with a pile of ballots when a recount is held.

The past three weeks, the Secretary of State's website has been down due to an intrusion, and the site is still not functioning to access records. This office has no date when it will be resolved. The Secretary of State cannot possibly support this bill and be honest about the feasibility. It should give reason to ever think internet elections would be secure and trouble feel. If this happened the day of an election, it would put on hold the law for conducting the election and then testing could take months to make sure it wasn't tampered with and may never be proven.

Until there is recognition from the federal government and the technology industry that votes can be secure and traced, it is a waste of Oregon's resources to pass this bill to talk about something that isn't currently feasible. It's a divisive subject and Oregon needs more unity. Please vote no.

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