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Before the House Rules Committee in Support of Senate Bill 28-A

Chair Hoyle, Vice-Chair Gilliam, Vice-Chair Smith Warner, Rep. McLane, Rep. Barnhart, Rep. Kenemer, Rep. Nosse, Rep. Rayfield and Rep. Wilson,

Thank you for the opportunity to appear at today's hearing regarding Senate Bill 28. The Oregon Association of County Clerk's (OACC) supports Senate Bill 28, as an elections administration housekeeping bill. The minor fixes to the statutes recommended by OACC include:

- ♦ **Section 1:** Eliminates the 'mark' a clerk makes on the **absentee** voter's signature envelope. This process is currently not required on all other signature envelopes. This change provides consistent procedure for all signature envelopes.
- ♦ **Section 2 & 3:** Technical clarification from 'registration card' to 'registration record' due to digital signatures available through Department of Motor Vehicles.
- ♦ **Section 4:** Eliminates the notice to districts requesting the updated information on the board members by '**certified mail**'. Counties will continue to use the best mode of communication available for the district's updated information such as regular mail, e-mail or by fax.
- ♦ **Section 5:** Includes amendments designating the filing officer responsible for responding to public record requests relating to identity of elector whose ballot is challenged for specific reasons, rather than just county clerk in all situations. Provides for Secretary of State to release the information if request is related to a state or federal candidate, office or measure.

The Oregon Association of County Clerks supports SB 28.