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To: Senator Diane Rosenbaum, Chair  
Senate Committee on Rules

From: Daniel R. Gilbert, Deputy Legislative Counsel

Subject: -2 Amendments to Senate Bill 1501

You requested amendments to Senate Bill 1501 that explicitly preserve ballot access status for all current minor political parties through the November 2018 general election. As a result of this request, section 1 (2) of the -2 amendments creates an explicit provision for minor political parties seeking to maintain their status under ORS 248.008 (4)(b). We do not believe that this provision is necessary, as current law already requires that the numbers used for qualifying as a minor political party under this subsection during 2018 election be based on the total number of votes cast for Governor during the 2014 general election.

Encl.