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RE: Support for HB 2869, HB 2871, HB 2872

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The Oregon AFL-CIO represents 300,000 working Oregonians and is a voice for all workers in the legislative process. We strongly believe that when all workers have access to the democratic process our entire state is stronger. Oregon's demographics are shifting distinctly, and only when all workers and their families have access to voting will all interests be reflected in the policies that impact their lives.

HB 2869, HB 2871 and HB 2872 provide the following opportunities for all Oregonians to participate in the voting process:

- Allows the Secretary of State to collect data on elector's native language and integrate language information into the elector registration files
- Instructs the Secretary of State to conduct a study to find out what the most effective ways of enabling electors to use the voter registration card to request in-language voting materials
- Requires that the Secretary of State create a process that voters can request in-language voting materials using the voter registration card or the online registration process

The Oregon AFL-CIO urges your support for HB 2869, HB 2871, HB 2872 so that all workers and their families have access to what makes Oregon great, an equal voice in the democratic process.