



**Oregon Secretary of State  
Dennis Richardson**

**Testimony Supporting HB 3140**

Secretary Richardson is committed to encouraging voter participation and maximizing access while ensuring election integrity. HB 3140 creates a new and expanded opportunity for nonaffiliated voters to influence elections. The People's Primary concept is an innovative way to provide ballot access to candidates across the political spectrum and to encourage competition in districts that are historically uncompetitive. Our office would be glad to work with any interested parties to craft any technical changes, including participation by candidates from minor parties. Secretary Richardson encourages the legislature to seriously consider this opportunity to improve Oregon's election process.

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