

TO: Members of the Senate Committee on Rules

RE: SB 888

Madame Chair and Members of the Committee;

The last election and the continued refusal of President Trump to release his tax returns, especially given the fact that he has the potential for so many conflicts of interest, underscores the need for the public to have this information prior to the election. All Presidents in modern history have provided this information prior to President Trump, even though they did so without it being a legal requirement. President Trump's refusal now makes this an issue that must be addressed by law.

I am encouraged that Oregon is potentially considering being a leader in this requirement, and hopefully excluding candidates from primaries and elections will provide enough motivation for them to comply. Especially if coupled with the National Popular Vote Bill which would make Oregon's electors more important, this Bill could have significant impact on the compliance with this precedent. And perhaps other states will follow Oregon's lead in essentially making this a national requirement.

I encourage you to vote to recommend that SB 888 is brought to the Senate floor for a full vote with a recommendation for passage.

Thank you.
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