

SB 802 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Carrier: Sen. Taylor

Senate Committee On Rules

Action Date: 03/22/17

Action: Do pass.

Vote: 4-1-0-0

Yeas: 4 - Beyer, Boquist, Burdick, Roblan

Nays: 1 - Ferrioli

Fiscal: Has minimal fiscal impact

Revenue: No revenue impact

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Permits a person who is at least 16 years of age to register to vote.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Increasing voter participation
- Youth engagement in electoral process and politics
- Access to voter registration information

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

Current statute permits a person who is a U.S. citizen, an Oregon resident, and who is at least 17 years of age to register to vote in this state. However, a person is not allowed to vote in an election until they are 18 years of age. Additionally, statute prohibits the public disclosure of a person's voter registration information if the person will be under 18 years of age on the date of the next legislatively prescribed election date or the next special election.

Senate Bill 802 permits a person who is at least 16 years of age to register to vote in this state.