

Item 6: Secretary of State

Election Security

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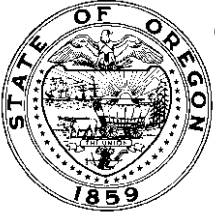
Request: Increase the Federal Funds expenditure limitation by \$2,500,000 for enhanced election security in county election offices and to install and operate intrusion detection technology in each of the 36 counties.

Description: The Secretary of State, Elections Division, is requesting a Federal Funds expenditure limitation increase of \$2,500,000 for enhanced election security in county election offices. In January of this year, the Interim Joint Committee on Ways and Means approved adding the Federal Funds expenditure limitation increase in the 2020 session budget reconciliation bill, but that bill did not pass.

The Secretary has asked for reconsideration of the request because of the need for security enhancements to be in operation prior to the General Election this Fall. The request has been modified and the Elections Division would now use the expanded budget authority for security enhancements at county election offices based on assessments conducted by the Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency, and to install intrusion detection technology (Albert sensors) in every county's election office system. The Elections Division will work with the State Chief Information Security Officer (CISO) to install the sensors. The funds will also pay first-year operating costs for the Albert sensors. Future operating costs will be paid by the CISO.

The source of the funds will be federal Help America Vote Act (HAVA) funds already received by the Elections Division.

Legislative Fiscal Office Recommendation: The Legislative Fiscal Office recommends that the Emergency Board increase the Federal Funds expenditure limitation for the Secretary of State by \$2,500,000 for election security enhancements in county election offices and to install and operate intrusion detection technology in each of the 36 counties.



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BEV CLARNO
SECRETARY OF STATE

July 8, 2020

The Honorable Senator Peter Courtney, Co-Chair
The Honorable Representative Tina Kotek, Co-Chair
State Emergency Board
900 Court Street NE
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Dear Co-Chairpersons:

Nature of the Request: The 2020 election cycle requires increased election security throughout the state.

Agency Action: Worked with the US Department of Homeland Security to identify security vulnerabilities in Oregon's 36 county election offices.

Action Requested: Increase Elections Division HAVA Federal Fund expenditure limitation by \$2.5 million. \$1.5 million will be used to increase election security in county election offices based on findings from the US Department of Homeland Security assessments that are occurring in each of our 36 counties. These funds will be used to address security vulnerabilities identified for the 2020 election cycle. \$1.0 million will be used to pay for Albert intrusion detection sensors and 1st year monitoring. The State CISO will then take over monitoring costs for year 2 and beyond.

Legislation Affected: Oregon Law 2019, Chapter 672, Section (3) increase by \$2,500,000 Federal Fund

Sincerely,

Bev Clarno
Secretary of State