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### **Oregon Secretary of State's Office Testimony Regarding HB 2015**

The Secretary of State's Office does not take a position on HB 2015. However, the Elections Division would like to bring to your attention some potential impacts of the bill.

Under both federal and state law, only United States Citizens can be registered to vote. As part of our automatic voter registration program, ORS 247.012 provides for the registration of a qualified person who submits the "person's legal name, age, residence and citizenship information and electronic signature to the Department of Transportation."

As currently drafted, HB 2015, and the -1 amendment remove the requirement that a person provide proof of legal presence or citizenship documentation in order to obtain a driver license, permit, or ID card going forward. HB 2015 requires such documentation only for a Real ID, commercial driver license, or commercial learner driver permit. Because citizenship documentation is required for automatic voter registration, HB 2015 would result in a significant reduction in the number of Oregonians who are automatically registered to vote through Oregon Motor Voter.

Since many who interact with DMV will no longer be automatically registered, there may need to be processes implemented at DMV to comply with the federal National Voter Registration Act of 1993 (52 USC 20501-20511).

Section 5 of the NVRA (52 USC 20504) requires:

Each State motor vehicle driver's license application (including any renewal application) submitted to a State motor vehicle authority must serve as a simultaneous voter registration application unless the applicant fails to sign the voter registration application.

Each State must include a voter registration form as part of an application for a State driver's license and any application for driver's license renewal.

The voter registration portion of the application may not require any information that duplicates information required on the driver's license portion of the application and may require only the minimum amount of information necessary to prevent duplicate voter registrations and permit State officials both to determine the eligibility of the applicant to vote and to administer the voting process.

The voter registration application must state each voter eligibility requirement (including citizenship), contain an attestation that the applicant meets each requirement, state the penalties provided by law for submission of a false voter registration application and require the signature of the applicant under penalty of perjury.

We are happy to work with the sponsors to answer any questions or provide additional information.

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