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RE: Senate Bill 1509

Chair Burdick, Vice-Chair Baertschiger, and Senators Boquist, Dembrow, and Roblan,

The Oregon Association of County Clerks (OACC) requests your support of Senate Bill 1509.

SB 1509 clarifies a particular part of the election process for county election officials. By changing the word 'opening' to 'remove contents' the process becomes clearer and avoids ambiguity.

This technical fix also allows counties to implement efficiencies by:

- Eliminating redundant handling of the same materials;
- Minimizing the need to create multiple secure locations for storage of materials during different phases of operations;
- Utilizing staff time without redundancy;
- Staging the voted ballot envelopes in an organized fashion to enhance performance; and
- Creating a more transparent flow of ballot materials.

OACC respectfully urges you to support SB 1509 and move it out of your committee with a Do Pass recommendation. Thank you.