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## Oregon Progressive Party Independent Party of Oregon

### Position on Bills at 2021 Session of Oregon Legislature:

Dear Committee: **SB 220: Support**

The Oregon Progressive Party and Independent Party of Oregon support this bill, which:

- Specifies process and formalities for electronic witnessing of execution or acknowledgment of writings.
- Specifies that persons may be in electronic presence communicating in real time to the same extent as if the individuals were physically present in the same location.
- Specifies requirements that must be met for a writing to be properly executed or acknowledge through electronic presence:
  - 1) the witness has satisfactory evidence of the identity of the person;
  - 2) the person executes or acknowledges the writing while in the electronic presence of the witness and causes the signature page to be emailed or sent by facsimile;
  - 3) the witness, while located inside the United States, attests to the writing by signing the transmitted copy of the signature page while in the electronic presence of the person and delivers the signed executed signature page to the person via email or facsimile;
  - 4) the person completes a declaration of electronic presence under penalty of perjury; and
  - 5) the witness completes a declaration of remote attestation under penalty of perjury. Specifies criteria for satisfactory evidence of a person's identity and provides form for declaration of electronic presence.

Allowing remote attestation of documents will reduce hassle and travel and its attendant effect on climate change.

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