

I oppose HB 2681. Here is an extended quote from the Northwest Observer:

"Representative Dan Rayfield (D-Corvallis) has introduced HB 2681, which reads "Notwithstanding any other provision of this chapter, the registration of an elector may not be considered inactive due to an elector not voting or updating the elector's registration for any period of time."

This will degrade our election voter rolls and list maintenance from this year and every year going forward it will get worse.

The directive in this bill is contrary to the advice from the US Election Assistance Committee, which says, "The National Voter Registration Act allows states to remove voters who have not voted in two consecutive federal general elections and failed to respond to a confirmation notice from an elections office. Other reasons for removal include death, felony conviction, having moved from one jurisdiction to another, mental incompetence, or at the voter's request."

Oregon needs to have accurate and active voter rolls to maintain election integrity. This bill would make it very easy for dead people to vote and would allow for ballots to be filled by other people who are not the person (the inactive voter) listed on the ballot. There has not been a serious effort to keep the voter rolls accurate in Oregon for a long time (which is against Oregon Law already) and this bill would further prevent Oregonians from having accurate voter rolls and elections with integrity.

For all of the above mentioned reasons, I strongly oppose HB 2681.

Moreover, I will propose an alternative idea to introduce to the legislation: If a person has not voted for a long time (and is about to be removed from the active voting roll) then they should get a notice (via mail) that they have 90-120 to go to their county clerks office (or any other appropriate place) and state their interest to be still on the active roll (showing a proper form if ID and or proof of residence).

Sincerely,
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