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## **AGENCY GOALS**

#### **MISSION**

**Build trust** between Oregonians and their state government so Oregonians can trust the public services and the public servants who can make a difference and their everyday lives.

#### **VISION**

We envision an Oregon without barriers where everyone has **equitable** access to our democracy, available tools to achieve economic success, our state resources are efficiently utilized and accountable to the public, and where we honestly acknowledge our state's history. We lead with our values and believe every voice should be heard.

#### **VALUES**

#### **ACCESS FOR ALL**

We seek to identify and actively eliminate barriers.

#### **AUTHENTICITY**

We are honest and true with ourselves and others.

#### **CLARITY**

We share stories, using plain language to increase understanding and impact.

#### **RESPECT**

We strive to understand all viewpoints.

# **Protect Our Democracy Agenda**

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Protect Our Democracy Agenda includes measures to protect the administration of Oregon's elections.

- Protect the people who protect our democracy (HB 4144)
- Modernize Oregon's voter registration and election management system.
- Begin to right-size our elections administration.
- Apply necessary technical fixes for clarity in elections laws (SB 1527).

# **Protect Our Democracy Agenda**

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The Protect Our Democracy Agenda will ensure that Oregon's elections remain secure and fair, and that we play our part in the fight against antidemocratic attacks on our nation's elections.

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## **HB 4144 - ELECTION WORKER SAFETY**

Protect the People Who Protect Our Democracy Election's workers in Oregon have experienced harassment, intimidation and violent threats at work, online and even at their homes. We must protect the people who protect our democracy.

- 1. Exempting election worker addresses/contact information from public records
- 2. Establishing penalties for harassing/assaulting elections workers

House Rules Committee Bill and Co-Championed by Rep. Valderrama

# **SoS Supporting**

## **EXPANDING ONLINE VOTER REGISTRATION – HB 4133**

Allows registrant to upload an image of signature & register with last four digits of their SSN. Effective January 1, 2026.

### **VOTING RIGHTS RESTORATION BILL- HB 4147**

Allows incarcerated individuals to register to vote in their county of residence prior to incarceration. Directs SoS to establish rules for voter registration updates and voting in elections.

## **Update On Implementation of Election Laws**

## HB 2323

This bill prohibits people from communicating false statements to mislead the public about elections, ballots, or voter registration within 30 days of a primary or special election or within 60 days of general election

Rulemaking is underway

## HB 3021

Requires SoS to create and make publicly available list of the five most common languages spoken, other than English by resident of state and each of county.

- Two recruitments are underway.
- Rule making will tentatively start in March.

### HB 3291

Requires ballots returned by mail to have a postal indicator showing ballots mailed no later than date of election and received by county clerk no later than seven days of the election. Effective January 1, 2022.

- Communication materials have been sent out to the public to prevent misinformation.
- Rulemaking is underway.

# QUESTIONS?



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