



To: House Committee on Rules
From: Tosh Briquet, Oregon Student Association Organizing Director
RE: Testimony in Support of HB 4133

Chair Smith Warner, Co Chairs Breese-Iverson and Fahey, and members of the House Committee on Rules,

My name is Tosh Briquet and I am the Organizing Director of the Oregon Student Association. The Oregon Student Association is a statewide, student-led advocacy and organizing nonprofit. OSA also founded and runs the Vote OR Vote campaign, which is historically one of the largest non-partisan voter registration drives in the state. I'm testifying in strong support of Online Voter Registration Plus (OVR+) in Oregon, HB 4133, an act to create an Online Voter Registration System because I know firsthand that this would vastly improve access to voter registration for Oregonians, and especially for college students in the state.

HB 4133 will help modernize our online voter registration system (OVR+) by allowing registrants to upload an image of their signature and register online with the last four digits of their social security number. With an online voter registration system, more Oregonians will be able to conveniently register to vote and update their registrations.

While Motor Voter is an amazing achievement in increasing voter access, many students in higher education across the state are not registered to vote because they either don't have a driver's license or only have one from their home state. In my time working on the Vote Or Vote campaign through OSA in 2016 and 2018 those are the circumstances that I saw countless students find themselves in when they registered to vote for the first time with our campaign. We've registered close to 100,000 students to vote in the last decade. While I'm incredibly proud of that work, my greatest hope is that the Vote Or Vote program will someday no longer be a necessity to ensure that students across the state are able to participate in the electoral process. Passing HB 4133 would be a significant move toward making that a reality.

I urge you to join me in supporting HB 4133.

Thank you for your time,
Tosh Briquet