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From: Your Name/Organization Re: Support OVR+, HB 4133

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

My name is Joy Alise Davis and I am submitting this testimony on behalf of Imagine Black. Our mission is to help our Black community imagine the alternatives we deserve and build our political participation and leadership to achieve those alternatives. I'm here today in strong support of Online Voter Registration Plus (OVR+) in Oregon, HB 4133, an act to create a modernized Online Voter Registration System because improving the accuracy and security of Oregon's voter file by reducing the potential for human error that is present with paper forms.

Oregon's OVR system is currently limited to people who have either an Oregon driver's license or a non-driver ID card issued by the Oregon DMV. HB 4133 will help modernize our online voter registration system (OVR+) that will allow for registrants to upload an image of their signature and register online with the last four digits of their social security number. With an OVR+ system, more Oregonians will be able to conveniently register to vote and update their registrations. Clerks will have less manual data entry and can save money by reducing both labor costs for transcription and paper voter registration forms.

HB 4133 will improve access to Oregon's existing online voter registration system by accommodating eligible Oregonians who do not have a driver's license.

A study from Harvard Law School found that the average cost of acquiring a "free" ID for those who need one, can range from \$75-\$1753 and, in instances where legal assistance is required to procure certain documents, costs can climb into the thousands.

Additionally, we support HB 4133 because it will save the state money, by further reducing the need for costly paper registration forms (paper forms will still be available as an option for those who need them).

We must modernize our online voter registration system. If Kentucky and Missouri have figured this out, Oregon should have too.

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Imagine Black urges your support for HB 4133.

Sincerely, Joy Alise Davis

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