



Re: Support OVR+, HB 4133

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Chair Wagner, Vice Girod, and members of the Senate Committee on Rules,

For the record, my name is Marchel Marcos, I use she/her pronouns and I am here representing the Asian Pacific American Network of Oregon (APANO). APANO is a statewide, grassroots organization, uniting Asians and Pacific Islanders to achieve social justice. 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, which will allow for Oregonians to have better access to our democracy.

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, which simply replicates the options already available on paper forms. **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.** This change will ensure that the convenience of online registration is available to all eligible Oregonians, not just those who interact with the DMV.

This bill will increase Asian and Pacific Islander and other communities of color's access to voter registration and is an important step forward to open the door further to communities who have been historically and systematically shut out of our democracy.

As a representative of a culturally specific, community based C4 organization we have led and supported many voter registration and Get Out the Vote efforts. Too often in our work, we have seen community members who were not able to participate in our democracy because they faced barriers when trying to register to vote. HB 4133 helps remove a barrier to electoral participation for many Oregonians.

On behalf of the Asian and Pacific Islander community in Oregon, I am here to ask you to support HB 4133.

Thank you,
Marchel Marcos
Political Director