



DATE Monday, February 21, 2022
FROM Randall Pozdena, PhD CFA
TO The Senate Committee on Rules
SUBJECT I OPPOSE both SB 1527-A and HB 4133 because they both
weaken election integrity in Oregon

BACKGROUND

There are two bills before the legislature that adversely affect the integrity of Oregon's elections. I understand that one, HB 4133, has passed out of the House committee, but it works with SB 1527-A to add fraud risk to the voting process.

1. HB 4133 Introduces an electronic voting system that (A) allows qualified individuals with Social Security Numbers (SSN) to vote, (B) allows third parties to submit electronic registration cards on behalf of individuals. **(A) relies on the SSN, which is no longer a secure proof of identity. About 35 million SSN records have been compromised since Jan 2018 alone and, according to Forbes, a SSN can be bought on the internet for \$4. (A) and (B) facilitate registration creation and ballot harvesting, thereby creating votes that do not exist.**
2. SB 1527-A takes away the responsibility for election recounts from local election clerks and gives that responsibility to the Secretary of State, who would conduct the recounts and certify the election results. **Review by the SoS should supplement, not replace, certification by local officials. In the May primary two years ago, almost 96,000 registered voters received more than one ballot, and more than 2,000 people actually submitted more than one ballot. While these votes didn't get counted more than once, SoS Richardson told OPB that such things confuse the voting process.**
3. **Getting more citizens to the polls is a good idea, but not if it opens up a means of corrupting or confusing the count, or creating opportunities for fraudulent counts, which are already an issue. I OPPOSE BOTH BILLS BECAUSE THEY WORK TOGETHER TO AGGRAVATE FRAUD RISKS.**

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