



Date February 21st, 2022
From: Jasia Mosley / Oregon AFSCME Council 75
Re: Support OVR+, HB 4133

February 8th, 2022

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

My name is Jasia Mosley and I'm with Oregon AFSCME Council 75. Oregon AFSCME represents roughly 27,000 workers across the state from corrections officers to nurses to county employees. 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 accessibility is extremely important to us at AFSCME, and our members know that improving access to Oregon's voting system is crucial to creating a more equitable voting process.

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.

One reason Oregon AFSCME strongly supports HB 4133 is because OVR+ will save the state money, by further reducing the need for costly paper registration forms. Given that roughly 10% of eligible Oregonians do not have access to OVR and must rely on paper forms, the potential savings are significant.

Additionally, OVR+ will improve access to Oregon's existing online voter registration system by accommodating eligible Oregonians who do not have a driver's license, which is a category typically overrepresented by marginalized communities. It is important for all eligible communities to have access to voter registration because it is a foundational

element of our democracy for all eligible voters to have access to vote. We want to make sure all communities are able to have their voices heard in elections and expanding OVR access will allow them to do so.

Oregon AFSCME Council 75 strongly supports HB 4133 in Oregon and we urge you to support the expansion of voter registration to improve accessibility for all eligible voters.

Thank you,

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