

**To: Ways & Means Capital Construction Committee**  
**From: Kate Titus, Common Cause Oregon**  
**Re: HB 5202, Budget Reconciliation (Election Administration Funding)**  
**Date: Feb 28, 2022**

**Common Cause**

Common Cause is a nonpartisan organization that works for open, honest, accountable government. We are over 1.5 million Americans – including roughly 30,000 Oregonians – working together to realize the unfinished promise of democracy.

**Support for Election Administration Funding**

On behalf of Common Cause, I want to thank the committee for prioritizing funding for Oregon's election administration in this bill. This is so important right now.

Across the country, including here in Oregon, we're facing increased demands on election administration. This includes serious cyber security issues, disinformation campaigns, and threats against election workers, not to mention the added complications of pandemic and wildfires. This is no time to short-change our elections administration. The budget requests for elections are modest and reasonable and should be considered essential. Thank you for prioritizing this.