

# House Committee on Rules

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# Oregon's Voter Registration System

- Errors at the DMV were caught and corrected in time to prevent any impact on the 2024 election.
- Noncitizen voting in Oregon remains extremely rare.
- Analysis of the 9 individuals shows none could have impacted the results of a contest.
- Automatic voter registration remains the most trusted and secure method for engaging eligible voters in our democracy.

# Corrective Actions

Steps taken by SoS and County Clerks

- Notified of an error – September 12
- Received data from DMV (September 13 and September 23)
- Corrective actions (September 13 and September 23)
  - Identify county-specific lists
  - Deliver data and instructions to inactivate voter registrations to each county
  - County due process letters to 1,259 individuals

# Corrective Actions

Further due diligence on 9 individuals with a vote history

- Verify with the county clerks that we do not have voter registration information for the individuals outside of DMV process.
- Initiate an investigation (standard process)
  - Send due process letters to the individuals.
  - If they fail to demonstrate eligibility, refer their case to the Oregon DOJ

# Collaboration

From the Oregon Association of County Clerks:

“We’re very grateful that this error was brought forward before the majority of ballots were mailed for the November General Election. We and our vendors (partners) have worked together to ensure ballots are not issued to any potential non-US citizen in the upcoming election.

OACC continually works with the Oregon Secretary of State to ensure secure and transparent elections. We have and will continue to diligently follow any instructions and guidance received by the Oregon Secretary of State.

We continue to support Oregon Motor Voter registration and have confidence in the Vote by Mail process that Oregon residents adopted.”

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