

Expanding Access to Our Democracy: HB 2107



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AGENCY GOALS

MISSION

Build trust between the people of Oregon and our state government so that public services can make a positive impact in peoples' lives.

VISION

We envision an Oregon without barriers, where we lead with our values and believe every voice should be heard. We do so by:

- Building equitable access to our democracy.
- Making tools easily available to achieve economic success.
- Ensuring state resources are used sustainably, efficiently and accountable to the public.
- Honestly acknowledging Oregon's history.

VALUES

ACCESS FOR ALL

We seek to identify and actively eliminate barriers.

AUTHENTICITY

We are honest and true with ourselves and others.

CLARITY

We share stories, using plain language to increase understanding and impact.

RESPECT

We strive to understand all viewpoints.

SERVICE

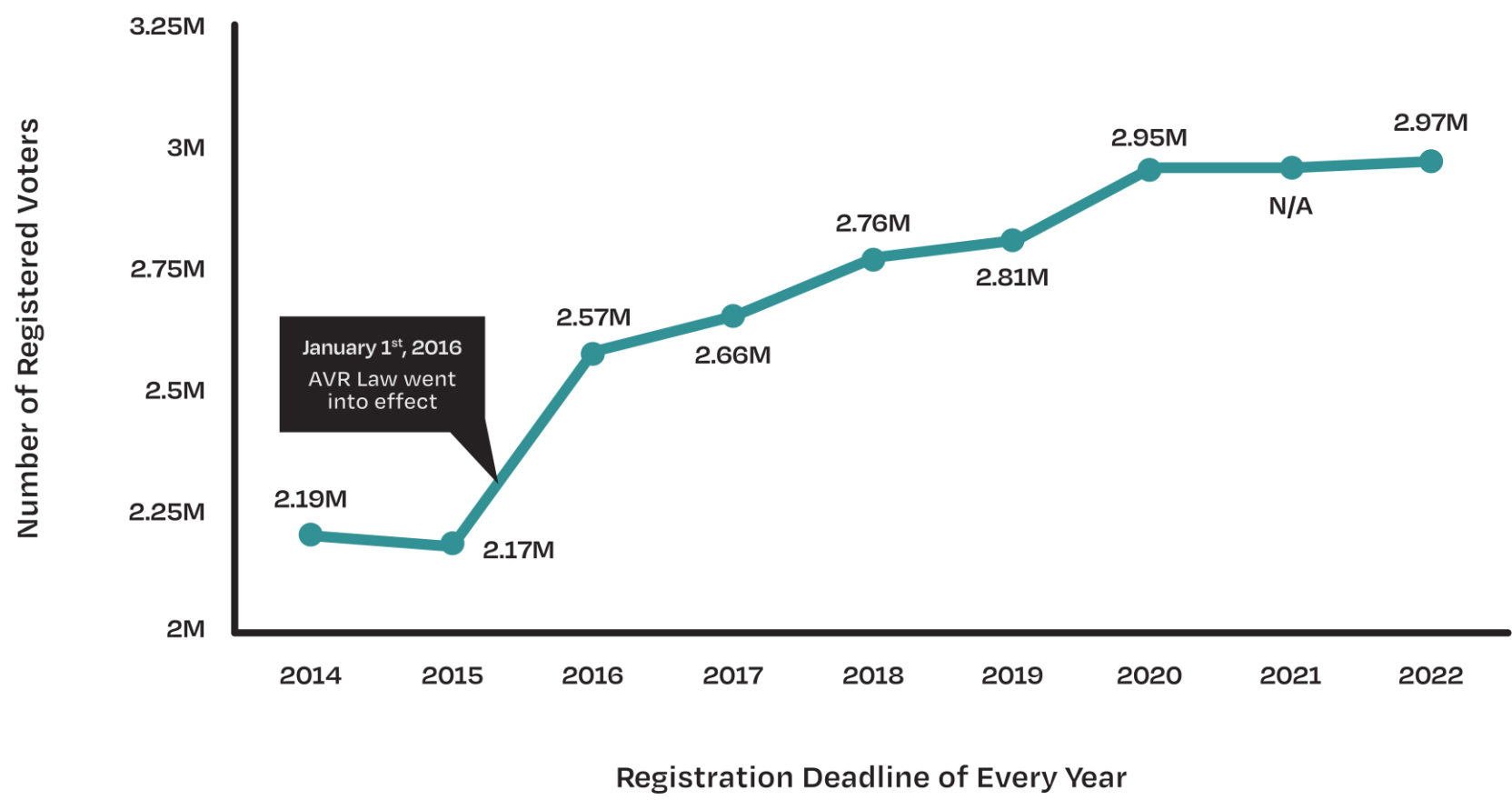
We are responsive and prioritize the needs of current and future Oregonians we serve.

PROTECT OUR DEMOCRACY.

- Investing in free, fair and secure elections
- **Expanding access to our democracy**
 - **HB 2107**
- Election security
- Successfully implementing campaign finance reform
- Updates to election laws

Removing barriers to registering works!

Number of Registered Voters by Year



Automatic Voter Registration is Safe & Secure

- Registration lists are continuously updated to ensure that only eligible voters can register to vote.
- Data from local, state and federal partners is used to remove anyone who moves, is not a citizen, passes away or is otherwise ineligible to vote.
- Oregon voters are also required to attest to their qualifications -- including citizenship -- at the time they submit their ballot.
- Motor voter has operated for 7 years without any security breaches.
- 21 states (and DC) have followed our lead

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We can build on the success of Motor Voter by partnering with the Oregon Health Plan.

Approximately 171,000 people on the Oregon Health Plan are eligible, but not registered to vote.

HB 2107 will expand automatic voter registration to people on the Oregon Health Plan.

Operative June 1, 2026.

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Changes to HB 2107:

- Removal of Section 9 – Pilot Program.
- Additions:
 - First, it clarifies that election officials, not OHA, is determining who is eligible to register to vote.
 - Second, this version uses the most current data to determine a person's citizenship status.
 - Third, this version clarifies procedures for eligible OHA applicants without a signature on file.

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Other States have passed Medicaid Base AVR

- **Nevada & Colorado**
- **Massachusetts, Washington & Maryland**
- **Delaware**



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