

SCR 1 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

House Committee On Rules

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Meeting Dates: 3/7, 3/14

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Expresses support for county clerks and local election officials.

FISCAL: No fiscal impact

REVENUE: No revenue impact

Senate Vote: Ayes, 22; Nays, 8 (Bonham, Boquist, Girod, Linthicum, Robinson, Smith DB, Thatcher, Weber)

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Recognizing the unsung heroes of elections
- The retirement of 25 percent of county clerks since 2021
- Resolutions honoring certain workers highlighting the importance of retaining people in challenging jobs

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

The 2020 and 2022 election cycles faced challenges such as a global pandemic and natural disasters that affected numerous states and their election infrastructure. Additionally, local elections administrators, county clerks, and their families and staff, faced violence and threats of violence. During this time, election workers across the country and in Oregon worked tirelessly to ensure fair, safe, and accurate elections.

Senate Concurrent Resolution 1 condemns the violence and threats of violence against election workers and applauds the Oregon Association of County Clerks and all election workers for their professionalism and dedication to upholding fair and safe elections.