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# D R A F T

## SUMMARY

Authorizes Secretary of State to secure federal grant moneys to fund pilot project providing live video feed of rooms in which ballots are counted and official ballot drop sites.

Sunsetts secretary's authority to secure federal grant moneys for pilot project on July 1, 2026.

## A BILL FOR AN ACT

Relating to election transparency.

Whereas Oregon is responsible for providing its citizens with safe, secure and transparent elections that build trust between voters and their democratically elected officials; and

Whereas the current Oregon election system and processes are designed to ensure integrity and reflect these important values; and

Whereas false information from domestic and foreign sources have weakened public trust in our election process; and

Whereas violence and violent threats directed at election officials and their families based on false information are unacceptable and the antithesis of what our nation stands for; and

Whereas Oregon is responsible for protecting the voting rights of Oregonians and helping election officials adapt their voting systems to meet today's challenges; now, therefore,

**Be It Enacted by the People of the State of Oregon:**

**SECTION 1. (1) The Secretary of State may apply to the federal government for grant moneys to fund a pilot project for the purpose**

**NOTE:** Matter in **boldfaced** type in an amended section is new; matter [*italic and bracketed*] is existing law to be omitted. New sections are in **boldfaced** type.

1 of providing a live video feed that may be publicly accessed over the  
2 Internet of:

3 (a) Rooms in which ballots are tallied; and

4 (b) Official ballot drop sites.

5 (2) The secretary may adopt rules that establish the requirements  
6 for the location and operation of any video cameras installed or oper-  
7 ated under this section. The rules shall ensure that a video camera is  
8 not installed or operated in a manner that would:

9 (a) Violate an election security plan adopted under ORS 254.074; or

10 (b) Identify the manner in which any individual elector cast the  
11 elector's ballot for or against any candidate or ballot measure.

12 SECTION 2. Section 1 of this 2023 Act is repealed on July 1, 2026.

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