

SB 1094 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Carrier: Sen. Lieber, Sen. Knopp

Senate Committee On Rules

Action Date: 05/11/23
Action: Do pass.
Vote: 4-0-0-1
Yeas: 4 - Hansell, Lieber, Manning Jr, Steiner
Abs: 1 - Knopp
Fiscal: Fiscal impact issued
Revenue: No revenue impact
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Meeting Dates: 5/2, 5/11

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

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. Authorizes secretary to adopt rules that establish requirements for location and operation of video cameras to ensure that they do not violate election security plan or identify how an elector voted. Sunsets secretary’s authority to secure federal grant moneys for pilot project on July 1, 2026.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Potential uses of grant funds in Klamath County
- The bipartisan nature of the initiative
- The images the video cameras would capture

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

[ORS Chapter 254.074](#) requires each county clerk to develop and submit a county elections security plan. The plans must be submitted by January 31 of each calendar year and must include several elements. The first is a written security agreement entered into with any vendor handling ballots. Other aspects include security procedures for transporting, processing, and tallying ballots; governing election observers; and those at official places of deposit for ballots.

While meeting all statutory requirements, elections security plans may vary by county due to various factors, including funding, infrastructure, and workforce.

Senate Bill 1094 authorizes the Secretary of State to secure federal grant moneys to fund a pilot project to provide live video feed of rooms in which ballots are counted and official ballot drop sites, and authorizes the secretary to adopt rules that establish requirements for the location and operation of video cameras to ensure that they do not violate an election security plan.