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**Comments of the
Oregon Association of County Clerks (OACC)
regarding Senate Bill 579**

Dear Chair Prozanski, Vice-Chair Thatcher, and Senators Gelser Blouin, Linthicum, and Manning,

The Oregon Association of County Clerks (OACC) asks for a thoughtful approach to Senate Bill 579. From a county clerk perspective, key questions to consider, should you decide to move this bill forward, include:

1. Can all 36 counties successfully implement the administration of elections based on the implementation date provided in the bill?
2. Is there enough time and funding to educate voters and our communities about this change?
3. Is there enough funding provided to successfully implement the bill? For example, there may be different restrictions or processes for how a ballot can be mailed to each facility.

It should also be noted that the bill does provide for voter registration processes for incarcerated individuals, which makes it simpler, since Clerks won't have to figure out who is incarcerated and who is not.

As always, OACC stands ready to assist the Committee in providing election law subject matter expertise for this or any other election bill the Committee wishes to move forward. Please don't hesitate to contact us if we can be of any assistance.