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I OPPOSE HB 2107

This bill furthers the automatic registration of the motor voter system in two ways. First, it extends automatic voter registration to the Oregon Health Authority when signing up for the Oregon Health Plan. This seems like double registration that has the potential of more people getting two ballots if they have already been to DMV for a license or ID card. We should not mix the privacy of health care records with any other operation.

The bill uses Article II, section 2 for each person who the authority deems may be eligible to be a qualified elector under Article II, section 2, of the Oregon Constitution." This seems like a stretch to use Article II, Section (2) "Provision may be made by law to require that persons who vote upon questions of levying special taxes or issuing public bonds shall be taxpayers."

Then the secretary shall obtain an electronic signature from the Department of Transportation for each person for whom the authority does not provide an electronic signature used for purpose of registering electors to vote - if Transportation has their signature, then they have already entered the motor voter system.

The second part of HB 2107 is to establish a pilot program at Powder River Correctional Facility to require that each adult in custody be granted updated state identification card and voter registration upon release. Prisoners should be taught civic responsibility and duty providing incentive to want to seek out registration or reinstatement of their right to vote, not be force onto them.

It seems like this is set up a system so it makes it easier to then pass voting for prisoners.