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Chair Fahey, Vice-Chair Breese-Iverson, Vice-Chair Kropf and members of the House Committee on Rules:

I am Jessica Ventura, Legislative Director for the Secretary of State's (SoS) Office. I am submitting the following written testimony to provide information on [House Bill 3073](#), specifically the [-3 amendment](#). We do not have a position on the bill.

House Bill 3073, -3 amendment

Currently, anyone can request a list of registered voters (ORS 192.311 to 194.478 or ORS 247.965-247.969). This list usually includes a registered voter's name, party affiliation, residence or mailing address, and precinct name or number. Not included in this list is a person's Social Security number, driver's license number, and signatures (they are exempted from release). Candidates currently do not have a mechanism to make their addresses confidential.

The -3 amendment directs the SoS to create administrative rules for nominating petition or declaration of candidacy used for public office to allow a candidate to check a box indicating that candidate does not want their residence address to be disclosed and would allow candidates to provide an alternate mailing address. Once the candidate is elected and opts into this program, their address would not be listed until they left that office. This means that a public officials address would not be included if the voter list is requested by someone from the public. The bill becomes operative on January 1, 2024. This timeline works for the SoS as it would allow the Elections Division to complete the Oregon Votes updates.

We want to thank the sponsors of the bill for including us in the workgroup.

Respectfully submitted,

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