

SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

Item 1: Secretary of State Oregon Centralized Voter Registration

To: Ways and Means Full Committee
From: General Government Subcommittee
Carrier: Representative Gomberg

The General Government Subcommittee heard a request from the Secretary of State for funding to update and stabilize the Oregon Centralized Voter Registration system.

The voter registration system began in 1995 and is currently hosted on legacy systems using out-of-date software. Upgrades to the current system have not happened for over five years because previous administrations planned to replace it with a new system, which ultimately did not happen. Of the \$2 million General Fund requested, \$1.3 million is for one-time equipment purchase costs and would not roll up into the 2027-29 current service level budget, with the remainder of the funds used for recurring support and subscription fees.

The General Government Subcommittee recommends that the Joint Interim Committee on Ways and Means recommend appropriating \$2,000,000 General Fund to the Secretary of State in a budget reconciliation bill during the 2026 legislative session to stabilize the Oregon Centralized Voter Registration system.