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Measure, Appointment or Topic: SB1046

NO on SB 1046

Instead, pass SB 210 for in-person voting, on the day of the election with proof of citizenship to register to vote and to vote.

I STRONGLY OPPOSE SB 1046. This bill incorporates another agency to register voters. The Department of Fish and Wildlife probably deals with the most out-of-state applicants of any department making it subject to faulty registrations. Visitors may use friends addresses to get instate rates for fishing and hunting tags, and to have that qualify them to auto voter registration is being careless. We are already dealing with thousands of faulty registrations of illegal aliens. This has been found to be TRUE. Instead, use the resources to clean the voter rolls - all those who are illegal immigrants, those who are dead, those who have moved, etc.

The ODFW does not have the authority to determine who is eligible simply by date of birth. This is a convoluted method for forcing citizens to be registered to vote. You must also choose a party when voting: will the state choose that for potential voters too? This legislation raises significant concerns regarding privacy, data security; the collection and dissemination of personal data such as legal names, ages, residence details, and citizenship information poses a substantial risk to individual privacy. In an era where data breaches are increasingly common, entrusting such sensitive information to any government entity without stringent safeguards could lead to misuse and unauthorized access. The potential for this data to be exploited is alarming and could deter citizens from exercising their right to vote. Additionally, the requirement for electronic signatures adds another layer of concern. Electronic signatures, while convenient, can be vulnerable to fraud and manipulation. Without robust verification processes in place, the integrity of these signatures could be compromised, undermining the trust in our electoral system.

The rationale behind this bill appears to be an overreach into the personal lives of citizens who may wish to participate in the democratic process. It is crucial that we encourage voter participation rather than create barriers that could alienate potential electors. Privacy concerns and bureaucratic hurdles should not hinder the fundamental right to vote.

Any state interference in voting should immediately full stop. This bill will add more reason for voters to not trust our voting process.

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