

The League of Women Voters of Oregon, established in 1920, is a grassroots nonpartisan political organization that encourages informed and active participation in government. We envision informed Oregonians participating in a fully accessible, responsive, and transparent government to achieve the common good. LWVOR Legislative Action is based on advocacy positions formed through studies and member consensus. The League never supports or opposes any candidate or political party.

Date: February 6, 2026

To: Senator [Kayse Jama](#), Chair and Senator [Bruce Starr](#), Vice-Chair, [Senate Committee on Rules](#)

Re: [SB 1509](#) – Establishes qualifications President/Vice President electors (Faithful Electors) – Support

The mission of the League of Women Voters of Oregon (LWVOR) is “*Empowering Voters. Defending Democracy.*” Defending democracy depends on defending our vote at all levels of government. We support **SB 1509** which guards against faithless presidential electors In Oregon. The League also supports the federal 2022 Electoral Count Reform Act (a reform of the 1887 Electoral Count Act) in part because it ensures that “*states have a transparent election process that results in sending the proper electors based on a fair counting of all valid votes.*”

SB 1509, a good governance modification with bipartisan support, adds further security measures to our current election process. Developed in part by the Uniform Law Commission and supported by the American Bar Association, it would ensure that Oregon’s presidential electors vote faithfully and in alignment with the public’s will and Oregon laws when electing the President of the United States.

While Oregon already requires a pledge of faithful voting [[ORS 248.355 section 2](#)]; this bill would ensure that our state joins 24 others (and more in the works) in adopting a process to replace a faithless elector in a timely fashion (being removed and replaced immediately). It further directs the Secretary of State to review and enforce those pledges (invalidating any elector’s ballot cast in violation).

Threats of violence toward voters and improper pressure on election workers and presidential electors have shocked the nation and demonstrated the vulnerability of our ballots. In Oregon, one faithless elector alone could infringe upon representation and disenfranchise hundreds of thousands of our state’s voters who had cast their ballots.

Red, blue and purple states that have already [passed similar laws](#) include our western neighbors such as Arizona, California, Colorado, Montana, Nevada, Utah, and Washington State. This legislation also enjoys bipartisan support in other states where it is under consideration, such as Alabama, Maryland, Massachusetts and South Dakota. They have strengthened their laws to avoid a risk to the very core of our democracy, meaning representation through our vote. We encourage Oregon to do the same; protect the rights of our voters and guard against probable chaos of unsettled elections, in unsettled times.

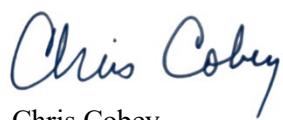
On a related matter, Oregon is a signatory of the National Popular Vote Interstate Compact (NPVIC). Even if slight tweaks to the bill are necessary, SB 1509 is designed to operate as intended in the event that the NPVIC goes into effect [[ORS 248.355 section 1](#)]. Conversely, it does not remove Oregon’s option to leave the compact if the state made that decision at a later date.

To paraphrase campaign leaders from Protect Democracy “this legislation is not about party, and it’s not about politics. It’s about principle.” We in the League of Women Voters of Oregon believe that SB 1509 would reduce the chances of any presidential election being overturned and the voices of the voters being lost.

We ask for your support of SB 1509. Thank you for the opportunity to discuss this legislation.



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