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Written Testimony before the House Rules Committee in Support of House Bill 2176

Chair Hoyle, Vice-Chairs Smith Warner and Gilliam, and Representatives Barnhart, Kennemer, McLane, Nosse, Rayfield and Wilson,

Thank you for the opportunity to appear at today's hearing regarding House Bill 2176. The Oregon Association of County Clerk's (OACC) supports HB 2176, Oregon Secretary of State's housekeeping bill. The minor fixes to the statutes recommended by OACC include:

- **Section 1:** Eliminates the need for the Oath of Office to be attached (indorsed) to the Certificate of Election. This simplifies the process for both the candidate and elections official.
- **Section 2:** Clarifies that any election document, except for ballots, voter registration cards and petitions, can be filed via electronic mail.
- **Sections 3 & 4:** Amends terminology to more accurately describe a type of ballot issued from "Presidential" to "Federal Only". Counties are required to create "Federal Only" ballots for specific uniformed and overseas voters; this eliminates creating another type of ballot and saves printing costs for election offices.
- **Section 22:** Allows District Attorney to determine that a clerical correction is necessary for a district measure without having to restart the filing process. A "clerical correction" means typographical, arithmetical or grammatical corrections. This provision would make rules for district measures consistent with the process for counties and cities.
- **Sections 28 and 29:** Clarifies that a candidate can run for two different district offices, like a fire and water district director, in the same election but they cannot both be lucrative offices.

The Oregon Association of County Clerks urges you to support HB 2176.