

Good Afternoon House Rules Committee Chair Holvey and Committee Members,

I am asking for your support for open and transparent elections in Oregon.

Oregon County Clerk's strive for transparency in all phases of an election from candidate filing through certification. In order to maintain this transparency, we allow access to all portions of the election process. A portion of this is that our citizens know who their elected Clerk is. I want all citizens to know who they can contact at any time regarding any process of the Clerk's Office, but I feel this is most important during an election. Questions that voters have do not just arise between 8am & 5pm Monday through Friday – I have received calls from concerned voters at my home in the evening and on weekends. I welcome these calls and am happy that Union County citizens know who I am and will contact me with any question they may have.

SB670 prohibits the name of the county clerk/filing office from appearing in official capacity on the voters' pamphlet and ballot materials if the official is on the ballot. I feel that prohibiting the name of an Oregon Election Official from elections documents, at any time, takes away from the open process that we strive to have every election.

If you support open and transparent elections, please to vote no on SB 670.

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Obstacles are those frightful things you see when you take your eye off the goal.
Henry Ford