



Oregon's Farmworker Union

Chair Holvey, members of the House Rules Committee

Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony in support of SB 761A on behalf of PCUN, Oregon's Farmworker Union. Our mission is to build a voice for farm workers, and Latino working families by building strong communities, electoral organizing, and policy change at the state and national level.

We are supportive of SB 761 because it strengthens our democracy by ensuring that there is clarity around the proper use of E-sheets. At PCUN, we care about ensuring that election processes are fair and accessible to all. Each year, we run a coordinated civic engagement program in the Latino community to engage, and mobilize our community to participate in our elections. We want to ensure that all electors have access to all the information they need before signing an e-sheet. E-sheets are often distributed at events or passive gathering stations where signers aren't given the text of the measure before signing.

In our civic engagement work, this is something that worries us as everyone should have access to the full and correct copy of the measure. SB 761A, requires that the template prepared by the Secretary of State include final measure summary, ballot title and full and correct copy of the measure. Additionally, the bill requires electors to sign the the e-sheet and a confirmation that they received all information required prior to signing a petition.

SB 761A is a simple, straightforward policy and a step in the right direction to continue building a healthy democracy. Every Oregon voter should have access to the initiative and referendum process—and the information they need to engage in that process in a meaningful and educated manner

I thank you for your time and consideration today. PCUN respectfully requests the committee to support SB 761A.

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