HB 2745 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

House Committee On Rules

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Requires voter registration card form and electronic voter registration system to allow a person the option to provide the person's race, ethnicity, and preferred language. Makes person's race, ethnicity, and preferred language, if provided, a public record and included on lists of electors. Makes provisions operative January 1, 2022. Takes effect 91 days following adjournment sine die.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

Oregonians may register to vote in one of four ways:(1) online at My Vote; (2) by returning a voter registration form by mail; (3) in person at a county elections office; or (4) automatically after a qualifying interaction with the Oregon Driver and Motor Vehicle Services Division (Oregon Motor Voter).

Under Oregon law, any person may request a list of registered voters. The list may include a registered voter's name, party affiliation, residence or mailing address, and precinct name or number. Individuals who are not yet 18, but are registered to vote will not be included in any public list until 60 days before the election that will occur on or after the individual's 18th birthday.

House Bill 2745 requires the voter registration card form and electronic voter registration system to allow a person the option to provide the person's race, ethnicity, and preferred language and makes that information a public record.