



Oregon Student Association

Chair Smith Warner, Vice-Chairs Drazan & Holvey, and Members of the Committee,

My name is Andrew Rogers and I am the Executive Director of the Oregon Student Association.

The Oregon Student Association urges you to support HB 2745.

OSA has long engaged in nonpartisan voter registration and voter education work to build civic engagement amongst the college students we serve. Along with that, our work has always sought to highlight the inequities of access within our democratic system, and do intentional and relevant outreach to BIPOC students regarding the democratic process in a meaningful way. We want the work we do to be relevant to and center the diverse and complex experiences of the students we serve. In doing that work, a consistent barrier has been lack of data about the race and ethnicity of the student communities we work with.

We have always been proud that Oregon has been a leading state in access to voting, as we firmly believe that with increased access and participation comes a healthier democratic process. That being said, Oregon has some catching up to do with regards to collecting data about the race and ethnicity of our voters, as states such as California, Hawaii, Colorado, North Carolina, and multiple others already have systems in place to collect this data. What HB 2745 seeks to do is very doable, and can be done in a way that protects the privacy of voters who choose to provide this information.

I hope you join Oregon Student Association in supporting HB 2745.

Thank you for your consideration,

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The Oregon Student Association (OSA) is a statewide, student-led advocacy and organizing non-profit established in 1975 to represent, serve, and protect the collective interests of students in postsecondary education in Oregon

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