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## Oregon Progressive Party Independent Party of Oregon

### Position on Bills at 2021 Session of Oregon Legislature:

Dear Committee: **HB 2681: Support but needs Amendment**

The Oregon Progressive Party and Independent Party of Oregon support this bill, which:

- Requires each county clerk to file annual report with Secretary of State identifying each voter who clerk moved to inactive status during previous calendar year and specifying reason for moving voter to inactive status.
- Prohibits moving voter to inactive status due to voter not voting or updating voter registration for any period of time.
- Requires county clerk, if voter moved to inactive status due to signature on return identification envelope not matching signature in voter registration record, to mail voter notification of reason for inactive status between 60 and 70 days before date of both next primary election and next general election.
- Requires county clerk to mail all currently inactive voters for whom county clerk has valid address voter notification of inactive status between 60 and 70 days before date of both 2022 primary election and 2022 general election.

Of particular importance is the requirement that county clerks notify those who have been moved to inactive status of that fact a sufficient time before each election. But that requirement in general applies only to one election cycle! Section 6 should be amended so that the notice requirement is permanent.

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