## REGARDING HB 3021: VPS LANGUAGE ACCESS

Chair Smith Warner, Vice Chairs Drazan and Holvey, and members of committee:

For the record, my name is WLnsvey Campos, my pronouns are she/her, and I am the State Representative for District 28, which covers Beaverton and Aloha and sits on the traditional lands of the Atfalati, Cowlitz, Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde, and Kalapuya peoples.

The voter pamphlet statement brochure is one of the most critical tools at a voter's disposal. As the most accessible form of literature about all the available candidates and ballot measures in any election, including their platform, values and endorsements, this pamphlet provides invaluable information that everyday Oregonians use to decide who best represents them in this democracy. Being able to understand this document in totality should be a right, just as the right of U.S. citizens who are eligible to participate in our elections.

Opposing this bill by saying that a comprehensive understanding of the English language is the level at which we must measure our value and right to the privileges of citizenship is inherently prejudiced, racist and xenophobic. This bill will not change who is eligible to vote nor will it create voter fraud. This bill ensures that <u>every</u> Oregonian who bears the right to vote can do so fully informed on the options presented to them.

This bill and its amendments allow more than enough time for the Secretary of State and counties to do the necessary work of identifying the top five languages (with the allowances for certain counties to do fewer) in each county and how best to ensure accurate translation of voter pamphlet statement brochures

It is unfair to continue the disenfranchisement of countless Oregonians who have the right to vote. Colleagues I urge you to create equitable access to the ballot by supporting HB 3021. Please vote it out of committee today.

With gratitude,

Representative Wlnsvey E. Campos