



Good afternoon Chair Wagner and members of the Committee. My name is Neal Ubriani. I am the Policy and Research Director for the Center for Secure and Modern Elections. I am here in support of House Bill 4133. CSME is a national nonpartisan campaign to support states in making technology upgrades to ensure that elections are secure, accessible, and efficient.

HB 4133 upgrades Oregon's Online Voter Registration (OVR) system so that all eligible citizens can register to vote online. This change will save money, improve access, and increase the accuracy and security of voter registration.

Oregon's OVR system is currently only available to people who have an Oregon DMV-issued ID. That is because there is currently no way to upload a signature to the OVR website. When people provide a DMV-issued ID number when registering online, the signature from their DMV ID is pulled from DMV records and used for purposes of their voter registration record.

That means that people without a DMV-issued ID must register to vote by using a paper form. Roughly 10% of Oregonians lack a DMV-issued ID, including people who are very young, very old, recent movers to Oregon, and military voters stationed out of state. Instead of a secure, easy electronic registration option, these people are forced to print out and fill out paper registration forms and then submit them by mail and in-person. Clerks must then process these handwritten forms and enter the person's information by hand, an inefficient process that increases the risk of error. There were 200,000 paper registration forms submitted in Oregon for the 2020 election, generating labor costs of approximately \$900,000 in processing and data entry.

HB 4133 lets people without an Oregon DMV-issued ID register to vote online, without changing any of the information required for voter registration. People without a DMV ID would register to vote online by providing exactly the same information they currently provide on a paper form, and then uploading a photograph of their signature. Just as with the current paper form, people without a DMV-issued ID would provide their last four digits of their social security number for verification against a federal database. This expansion of OVR (known as OVR+) avoids the need for hundreds of thousands of paper forms each election, increasing efficiency and security, saving money, and reducing the risk of error in registration records.

OVR+ has passed in a diverse range of states, from Kentucky to Vermont. Colorado, Delaware, Maine, Minnesota, Missouri, New Jersey, and New York have also adopted it. Oregon can join these states and increase access, efficiency, and security for voter registration. HB 4133 also has an effective date of January 1, 2026, providing ample time for implementation.

HB 4133 also gives the Secretary of State the option to create what's known as an application programming interface (API) for OVR. Even with OVR+, third-party registration drives still have an incentive to submit paper registration forms. These paper forms let groups track how many people they have registered and retain contact information for follow-up and get-out-the-vote. Groups cannot collect this information if they simply re-direct people to the OVR website.

An API corrects these incentives. With an API, groups that meet security protocols can submit registration forms securely and electronically to the Secretary of State, while still tracking how



many people they've registered and retaining contact information. The API gives these groups an incentive to conduct their registration activities fully electronically, eliminating thousands of paper forms and giving all voters the full benefit of OVR+. APIs or similar systems are used in Pennsylvania, Colorado, and Washington, and are used for registration drives by a diverse range of groups, from the League of Women Voters to the National Rifle Association.

HB 4133 will increase the accessibility, security, and accuracy of voter registration in Oregon, and save the state and its counties significant time and money during upcoming election cycles. I urge you to support this bill, and am happy to answer any questions you have.