



To: Senator Wagner, Chair
Senator Girod, Vice-Chair
Members of the Senate Committee on Rules
From: Lindsey Scholten, Oregon League of Conservation Voters
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Chair Wagner, Vice-Chair Girod, and members of the Committee:

For the record my name is Lindsey Scholten and I am the deputy director for the Oregon League of Conservation Voters. Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony in support of House Bill 4133.

The Oregon League of Conservation Voters or “OLCV” is a nonpartisan organization with about 20,000 members across the state. For 50 years, OLCV has worked to ensure our elected leaders and our state’s environmental policies represent and reflect the strong environmental values held by the people of Oregon.

OLCV strongly supports laws that will help create a more inclusive democracy and increase voter access. Oregon has long been on the forefront of improving voter access. It’s an Oregon value and one we should always keep moving forward on, including with passage of HB 4133. OLCV supports Online Voter Registration Modernization (OVR+) in Oregon, HB 4133, because it will expand online voter registration to eligible Oregonians who don’t have a driver’s license. Historically marginalized communities, including Black, Indigenous, and other People of Color (BIPOC), as well as young people are more likely to benefit from this improved access.

Oregon’s OVR system is currently limited to people who have either an Oregon driver’s license or a non-driver ID card issued by the Oregon DMV. HB 4133 will help modernize our online voter registration system (OVR+) to allow for registrants to upload an image of their signature and register online with the last four digits of their social security number, which simply replicates the options already available on paper forms. With an OVR+ system, more Oregonians will be able to conveniently register to vote and update their registrations, county clerks will have less manual data entry and can save money by reducing both labor costs for transcription and paper voter registration forms.

OVR+ has already been implemented or passed in nine other states plus the District of Columbia. Oregon should join them in updating to OVR+. OLCV strongly supports HB 4133 for Online Voter Registration Modernization (OVR+) because it will improve voter access.

Thank you for your consideration and the opportunity to submit testimony on this critical issue.

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