

Submitter: Lorenr Nowling
On Behalf Of: HJR4
Committee: House Committee On Rules
Measure: HB2585

I want to testify that I am in opposition to HJR4/and support HB2585 for the following reasons:

1. HJR4 is time consuming in that it creates more work for our Voter Registrar and contributes to more waste of resources for our county. Columbia is on a tight budget as are other counties and many like Columbia cannot afford to hire police and other critical need personnel. Taking away valuable funds needed to pay for the extra postage and extra paperwork is not the answer. Currently non-citizens acquire voter ID when they ask for it at the DMV, yet they seldom vote. It is more likely used as another piece of ID.
2. This bill is ripe for fraud. If the non-citizen does not vote, others may try to use their ballot themselves or put pressure on them to persuade the non-citizen to vote in a manner favorable to one party. The Electronic signature process is also not without risk of fraud. The DMV allows for a translator to help those who do not speak English well. Who is to say that the signature is not the translators or DMV personnel?
3. Allowing people to register to vote up until 8PM on election night also creates an avenue for fraud. Under current law, there is time for verification but if this comes into law, there will be very little if any to do any real verification.
4. Non-citizens may be willing to vote for additional public services since most don't own homes or pay taxes for the services. This is not fair to those that own homes or those that own businesses and must pay for things they may not be able to use. Homeowners may want more emergency services rather than the issues that the non-citizen are concerned with. Since the homeowners and businesses pay the bill, it is not a fair representation and certainly not fair to the homeowners and those that pay taxes.
5. Amending the state constitution to read that EVERY citizen has the right to vote is just plain W R O N G! Legal citizens have worked hard and made Oregon a livable state until their state government started back door deals that were outside of the public's eye. Legal citizens should have the say over what they are being taxed for. We all have budgets, but over the years, it appears that Oregon has become a greedy tax collector and the funds raised have gone to many very questionable projects for one party. (Such as allowing heroin and marijuana use, allowing places for drug addicts to shoot up, etc.) Our Senior citizens, our homeless Veterans, our mentally ill, and our disabled have been pushed aside to give the non-citizens everything and make them comfortable. Our counties cant operate on the declining

budget and our communities become unsafe to raise our children. Why should we allow the non-citizens to come in and literally steal our hopes and livelihood from us that we have worked hard for by allowing them to vote for what they want? Citizens of Oregon had a dream and worked hard. Passage of this bill would destroy the dreams and for many, losing their homes because they can't pay the taxes created by the state government. Why should we have a government where things are discussed and voted on in a backroom fashion to become law? HJR4 should be put to the voters, for they are the ones this will fall on the backs of. Stop the back door dealings where few citizens know what is going on until it is a done deal.

I support HB2585 for the reasons I do not support HJR4. Please approve HB2585.

Respectfully,
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