



Representative Bobby Levy

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Hello Chair Fahey, Vice-Chair Breese-Iverson and Kropf, and members of the committee,

For the Record I am Representative Bobby Levy from House District 58 and I am here to testify in support of HB 2585.

Passing HB 2585 does two things for the state of Oregon. First, it allows the Secretary of State to accurately gauge the number of registered voters. Currently any citizen that registers a car is also registered to vote. That makes it impossible to properly gauge the anticipated turn out for elections. That leaves us with only historical voter turn outs to anticipate voter turn-out. The last elections have shown historic voter turn-out and overwhelmed our county clerks, resulting in slow elections results that breed mistrust in our system.

The second thing HB 2585 does is return the choice to register to vote back to the citizens of Oregon. America was built on the foundation of liberty and with liberty comes the ability to choose how you participate within our governmental system. The Motor Voter act stripped that choice from every Oregonian. There are religions that prohibit their followers from voting, they deserve the right to not have a ballot show up to their doorstep. Let the choice of participating in our democratic system return to the people, give them the choice to register or not to register.

I ask you to please vote yes on HB 2585. Help us properly prepare for elections, so we don't have to wait weeks for results, and to give Oregonians the right to choose to register back.

Best,
Rep. Bobby Levy, HD 58