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Written Testimony before the House Rules Committee regarding House Joint Resolution 20

Dear Chair Fahey, Vice-Chairs Breese-Iverson and Kropf, and
Representatives Nosse, Scharf, Valderrama, and Wallan,

The Oregon Association of County Clerks (OACC) asks for a careful and thoughtful approach to any legislation that involves voting by persons under the age of 18.

Specifically, ORS 247.016(3) requires confidentiality of any information related to minors. As a result:

- This would create substantial programming costs.
- This would create a transparency issue - voting history and ballots cast reports would exclude minor voters, as they are exempt from public disclosure.
- Observers would not be allowed to view the process of signatures being verified with relation to minors.

Thank you again for the opportunity to comment on House Joint Resolution 20. As always, the County Clerks stand ready to assist as needed.