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On Behalf
Of:

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Government

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Chair Patterson & Committee Members,

On behalf of Basic Rights Oregon, the state's longest-serving LGBTQ2SIA+ policy & advocacy organization, I would like to submit this written support of HB5035 and the positive impacts it will have on Oregon's voting system. We were thrilled to see that for the first time in history, Oregon had the highest voter turnout in the November 2022 election, and much of that can be attributed to the work of the Secretary of State's Office. As we see voting rights stripped around the country, the ease and accessibility of our mail-in-system and our "motor voter" law are beacons of hope for democracy.

LGBTQ2SIA+ folks in Oregon and across the country are fighting for their lives and livelihood and we support this effort to update technology systems that support our voter registration systems and improvements in the Corporation Divisions. We want to ensure that all Oregonians can participate in the democratic process and that our state can continue to support its most marginalized to cast their votes for the issues and candidates that represent them.

Basic Rights Oregon is proud to support this bill and proud of the work of the SOS office.

Sincerely,

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