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Written Testimony before the House Rules Committee regarding House Bill 3593

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 changes the appearance of the ballot and how it is counted. A few points to consider:

1. This would make for a more complicated ballot.
2. Reconciling votes based on the current wording of this bill is complex and time consuming.
3. There are substantial costs involved with implementing this bill.
4. Current public confidence in elections is low. This bill creates a more complicated process and could increase allegations of a lack of transparency.

The majority of County Clerks are uncomfortable with implementing any major reform bills at this time. However, the County Clerks are more than willing to discuss this matter. Thank you again for the opportunity to comment on House Bill 3593.