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Chair Fahey, Vice-Chair Breese-Iverson, Vice-Chair Kropf, and Members of the House Committee on Rules:

For the record, I am Jessica Ventura, Legislative Director for Secretary of State Shemia Fagan, Oregon's chief elections officer. I am submitting the following information on [HB 3593](#) for your consideration. Currently, we have no position on the bill.

Current Law

Candidates are listed on the official ballot only one time regardless of the number of nominations except in circumstances under [ORS 249.013](#) where they may hold more than one office or nomination. Additional nominations for a candidate are listed on the same contest. The party nomination with which the candidate is affiliated (if any) is listed first, then the candidate may choose which others may be listed and in what order with a maximum of 3 nominations on the ballot.

What HB 3593 Does

[HB 3593](#) seeks to list out candidates who have received multiple party nominations separately and for voters to not only select the candidate, but also to select the nomination for said candidate. This would allocate the vote in a way that allows minor parties to utilize the 'cast ballot' count for those candidates to be considered in the calculation used to maintain minor political party status in [ORS 248.008\(4\)\(b\)\(B\)](#). The bill would require the Elections Division to create guidance information regarding the compilation of these results, tabulation, canvass and allocation requirements.

The bill will have a fiscal impact on our Elections Division because changes would be necessary to update the current software used for Election Night Reporting functionality. Currently, the Oregon Centralized Voter Registration (OCVR) Database does not allow for the compiled reporting required under the bill.

Thank you,
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