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On Behalf Of: the people
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Measure: SB166

This bill is deceptive - it is not about the secrecy of the ballot.

If one does not mark personally identifying information on their ballot, the ballot is completely secret - the current processes ensure there is no identification with the ballot, unless the elections managers embedded that information in the bar codes, QR codes, etc on the ballot.

The language in this bill is attempting to further reduce and lead to elimination of public information & thus data about our elections, information that facilitates the transparency of elections to the public, which is crucial.

If this bill passes, it could be the end to transparent elections in Oregon.

"Establishes that crime of aggravated harassment includes harassment against election worker. Punishes crime of harassment or aggravated harassment against election worker by maximum of five years' imprisonment, \$125,000 fine, or both."

No. Who decides what is "aggravated harassment"? What can of worms does this open? What will it do to election observation and thus transparency? There are already laws for harassment, assault, etc. for all contexts, so there is no need to specify elections. We also did not need HB 4144.

Recall that Democrats etc objected to the outcome of the 2016 and other past elections, especially for the federal/national level. What bills were submitted at that time, about the possibility of extremists and "aggravated harassment"?

"Removes requirement that name and number of precinct in which elector resides or precinct split of elector be included in lists of electors provided to political parties."

I find it suspicious that this bill wants to eliminate the disclosure of precincts to the public, reducing transparency and potentially leading to the elimination of precincts. From what I have seen, we need precinct-level in-person single-day voting, showing voter ID that day, more than ever.

We decree the truth will set you free. (re: John 8:31-32) In Jesus Christ's name.