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I OPPOSE SB 1577

They cracked the door by passing auto voter registration in medical provider offices last session, which gives access to non-citizens, now they want to give access to non-residents applying for college, even if they don't ever attend in Oregon. How much will this cost colleges and raise tuition?

This bill gives the college authority to transfer application records to the Secretary of State and gives the Secretary the authority to establish rules as to what information transferred establishes the person's eligibility to be a qualified voter. She must do that without any records showing citizenship. The bill prohibits the transfer of any records demonstrating that a person is not a citizen of the United States even though Section 2 requires citizenship information.

But, going down that rabbit hole, it does only say "citizenship information" and not that they have to be a citizen. It's the same in ORS 247.002 under Registration. It requires the voter Registration card to include "citizenship information" but never says that information needs to show citizenship. ORS 247.012(4) does not require citizenship status for the county clerk to register the person as a voter. If you ask a voter, they think it requires citizenship to vote, but the statutes don't support it. Therefore, foreign exchange students or "green card" students could register to vote under this bill.

If any registration information is missing in the electronic processing, and the person does not respond with the information within 21 days, they are registered anyway as long as there is a any name, any address, eligible age, which none is ever checked.

This bill also sneaks in authorizing the Secretary of State to receive records from the Department of Revenue for identifying a person. This applies to everyone's registration. Currently that is done with motor vehicle records, which was recently hacked. The information is limited, but once the connection is in place, it opens the door - think about the Secretaries spying program and social credit scoring.