

HB 3470 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

House Committee On Rules

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

The measure requires the Secretary of State to verify voter registration information provided by the Oregon Department of Transportation or Oregon Health Authority to determine whether the person is a United States citizen, including a review of any document showing that the person is a U.S. citizen, before providing any information to a county clerk. The requirement becomes operative on June 1, 2026.

Fiscal impact: May have fiscal impact, but no statement yet issued

Revenue impact: May have revenue impact, but no statement yet issued

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

In 2016, Oregon became the first state to automatically register eligible citizens who are not currently registered to vote when they apply for an original, renewal, or replacement driver license, permit, or identification card through Oregon Driver and Motor Vehicles Services (DMV). In 2023, House Bill 2107 expanded Oregon's automatic voter registration system to the Oregon Health Authority as of June 1, 2026, from information provided to the Oregon Health Plan.

Under Oregon Motor Voter (OMV), the Oregon Department of Transportation, as a designated voter registration agency, must provide the Elections Division of the Secretary of State (SOS) with the electronic records of each person who may be eligible to vote after certain interactions with DMV. According to the Oregon Motor Voter Registration Manual, the files prepared by DMV includes the full name, date of birth, residence address, mailing address, date of DMV interaction, and type of DMV interaction. Only an individual who has provided documentation to DMV establishing that the individual is a United States citizen will be included in the DMV files.

When the Elections Division retrieves the data from DMV, it compares the individuals listed in the DMV files with the individuals who have registration records in Oregon's centralized voter registration system (CVRS) to identify individuals who are eligible but have either not already registered or previously declined OMV registration.

Eligible individuals are then sent the OMV card, which must be returned within 21 days to decline registration or select a political party. After 21 days have passed, the Elections Division sends the records to the appropriate county elections offices. Each county elections office checks the new OMV registrants against the CVRS, registers the individual, and mails each new voter a voter notification card containing their name, address, precinct, and political party.