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I oppose HB 3387.

First - yes, there is an elections staffing problem especially for small counties. Elections are the bedrock of our free democratic society. We must budget appropriately to keep their staffing at the needed level during elections.

Why oppose HB 3387?

1. This is putting the foxes in charge of the chicken house. Not good! Because it provides a major temptation for Democrats and Republicans to alter election results. Let's work toward better, safer, cleaner and more guaranteed election results.
2. This change is also discriminatory against 1.2 MILLION Oregon voters. Only Democrats and Republicans would be allowed because they are the only parties with PCPs.

Alternative solutions:

1. Eliminate the PCP elections from the ballot. The OACC has historically been strongly in favor of removing the PCP elections thus decreasing the county elections workload.
2. Positive advertising about how you can help make elections run smoother and more accurate by helping out may generate some help.
3. County budgets need to have some additional \$\$\$\$ for temp help for elections.

Thanks for listening!!!

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