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## HB 3384 PETITION PROCESSING BILL

## OACC is Asking the Legislature to Pass HB 3384

- <u>House Bill 3384</u> allows for counties to delay processing any initiative or referenda petition filed for signature verification during the conduct of the regularly scheduled May and November annual elections.
- The Clerks have brought this bill forward as a good governance solution to handling the inability of county clerks' offices from simultaneously processing petitions while administering an election.
- Simultaneously processing petitions while engaged in conducting an election is disruptive and may lead to errors, delays, etc. in petition processing and/or the conduct of the election.
- The goal of this legislation is to create a blackout period where clerks can focus on the numerous critical current election duties and requirements.
- Generally, county election offices are understaffed and underfunded. The resources to manage the workload of reviewing petitions at the same time as administering a major election do not exist.
- Please consider passing HB 3384 to help the Clerks manage their workloads during their busiest seasons.

The OACC represents all of the Oregon County Clerks, who are responsible for administering and funding elections. <u>www.oacclerks.org</u>

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