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On Behalf Of:
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Chair Bowman, Vice-chairs Drazan and Pham, and Members of the House
Committee on Rules:

Please accept this written testimony in support of HB 3384, which would authorize document recording fees to fund County Clerks' Offices statewide and allow clerks to delay action on newly-submitted initiative & referendum petitions, if already engaged in administering a May or November election.

Counties, including clerks offices, are struggling financially. Many County Clerk offices have had to reduce their staffing over the years, many times by simply not re-hiring upon retirement due to lack of funds. Given staff capacity in clerks offices across the state, it's clear there is not the capability to administer a general election and start a petition process at the same time.

County Clerks will still have to act on the newly filed petitions once the grace period has expired. This bill provides slight relief to our hard-working County Clerks while they do the important work of securely administering our elections in Oregon.

Please join me in supporting HB 3384 to provide some flexibility to our County Clerks. Thank you.

Yours truly,

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