

## OREGON ASSOCIATION OF COUNTY CLERKS

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### Re: Testimony on Senate Bill 1054

Dear Chair Jama, Vice-Chair Bonham, and Senators Golden, Manning and Thatcher:

The Oregon Association of County Clerks (OACC) is opposed to SB 1054 as currently written, given the high cost of implementation and other issues that would need to be addressed. The intent of the bill is to provide transparency; which OACC supports. However, as written, OACC is concerned with the following:

1. Funding to cover the costs is needed. This would have a significant initial and ongoing fiscal impact on counties, primarily because it includes ballot drop sites. We have not determined full fiscal yet, but we know the installation, maintenance and data storage could be quite high.
2. The time frame in the bill is ill-defined. Not sure what is expected for streaming dates and storage dates. Currently, there is nothing in statute. Most counties have an overwrite policy of thirty days.
3. There are security concerns for ballot pickup teams at ballot drop sites as well as staff working in the Elections Office if they are being live streamed.
4. Remote and rural locations will not have good connectivity for live streaming.
5. With the arrival of AI video creation, we have concerns on how any video streaming content we put out to the public will be utilized and potentially altered to support the various negative election narratives that are being promoted.

There is a current pilot program around security cameras that some clerks offices have been able to participate in. From that program we have learned:

1. At least some counties that have participated in the drop box camera pilot have since found that the ongoing expense of the cameras is significant and comes at county expense, which they cannot afford or sustain.
2. This pilot program could be in jeopardy due to the Presidential Executive order.

Thank you for the opportunity to weigh in. We would like to work with the proponents to help make this idea more cost effective, ensure proper security measures are in place and make this concept implementable.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Tess Milio".

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