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**Position on Bills at 2025
Session of Oregon Legislature:**

SB 1014: Support



The Consolidated Oregon Indivisible Network (COIN) is a coalition of over 50 local Indivisible groups throughout Oregon that cooperate and amplify their joint efforts to advance important federal and state legislation and engage with elected officials to promote causes for the benefit of all Oregonians.

COIN supports SB 1014, which would require the Secretary of State (SOS) to allow translations of a statement of arguments filed by any statewide political party or assembly of electors having nominated candidates to be included in the translated version of each state voters' pamphlet that is made available on the SOS or county website. The measure allows submitted translations to be in any of the top five most commonly spoken languages in this state, other than English, and applies to state and county voters' pamphlets that are distributed on or after January 31, 2026.

Under current law, the Secretary of State is required to publish only translations provided by candidates for statewide office and by persons who file arguments supporting or opposing a statewide ballot measure. This bill extends the publication requirement to the statements filed by statewide political parties, both major and minor, as long as the party provides the translation.

The wording may seem strange, requiring publication of:

(c) Translations of a statement of arguments by a party filed under ORS 251.115
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It really is not a "statement of arguments." The underlying statute reads that a party may submit:

a statement of arguments for the success of its principles and election of its candidates on a statewide basis and opposing the principles and candidates of other political parties or organizations on a statewide basis.

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