

June 18, 2025

House Committee on Rules
900 Court Street NE
Salem, Oregon 97301



RE: HB 3390 with -2 Amendment

Chair Bowman, Vice-Chair Drazan, Vice-Chair Pham and Members of the committee:

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony regarding HB 3390 with the -2 amendment.

HB 3390 with the -2 amendment sets out the processes for statewide ballot measures for the 2026 general election. Overall, OACC is neutral on the legislation as proposed, but wanted to point out one part of the bill that may increase costs for printing ballots.

Section 1, lines 17-20 reads, "The word limits described in ORS 250.035 (2) do not apply to a ballot title for a measure described in this subsection that is prepared by the joint legislative committee under this subsection." This provision effectively removes of the word count limit for ballot titles referred by the legislature. Other ballot titles still must follow the word count limits outlined in ORS 250.035 (2). OACC wanted to flag for the Committee the concern that removing the word limits could require the use of additional ballot pages. Increasing the number of ballot pages means increased printing costs as well as personnel costs since multiple page ballots take longer to prepare and scan.

Counties do not recover costs from the state on ballot titles, so any increased cost from additional printing or staff time, falls to the counties and county clerks' budgets to cover. As you are aware, county election offices are in continuing need of increased funding. Please take this into consideration as you move forward with this legislation and when referring long ballot titles to the ballot.

The Oregon Association of County Clerks appreciates the opportunity to weigh in on this legislation. Thank you for your consideration. Please reach out if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "R. Long", written in a cursive style.

Rochelle Long
OACC President & Klamath County Clerk
On behalf of the Oregon Association of County Clerks