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On Behalf Of:
Committee: House Committee On Rules
Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB4018

hair and Members of the Committee,

I am writing in support of HB 4018, which directs the Secretary of State to conduct a study of Oregon's election system and report findings to the Legislature.

This bill is a practical, responsible step toward data-driven election policy. It does not change election laws today. Instead, it ensures that any future changes are informed by evidence, operational experience, and measurable outcomes rather than assumptions or partisan narratives.

Oregon's election system is widely recognized, but it is also complex. It involves coordination between the Secretary of State, county election offices, technology systems, ballot processing procedures, and voter outreach efforts. A formal study led by the office that administers elections is an appropriate and efficient way to evaluate what is working well, where challenges exist, and where improvements could be made.

Requiring a report to legislative committees ensures transparency and accountability. Lawmakers and the public will have access to the findings, which supports more informed debate in future sessions. The sunset clause is also important — it keeps the scope focused and prevents the study authority from continuing indefinitely without legislative review.

Good policy starts with good information. HB 4018 creates a structured opportunity to review election operations in a thoughtful, comprehensive way before pursuing changes that could have long-term impacts on voters and local governments.

I respectfully urge you to support HB 4018.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

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