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House Republicans Release Statement on Non-citizen Voter Hearing

SALEM, Ore. – Republican members of the House Committee on Rules **Leader Jeff Helfrich (R-Hood River)** and state **Reps. Anna Scharf (R-Amity)** and **Kim Wallan (R-Medford)** released the following statement after hearing testimony on how non-citizens registered and voted in Oregon elections.

“Republicans have long cautioned that automatic voter registration would lead to problems such as non-citizens being registered to vote. The Majority dismissed our concerns and assured us that safeguards were in place to protect the integrity of our registration process. Testimony today indicated that those safeguards, in fact, were not in place and the problem would not have been caught without an inquiry from an outside entity. While we appreciate the steps the state has taken to prevent problems in the future, more must be done to ensure that Oregon’s elections are safe, secure and accurate. Only Americans should vote in American elections, and Republicans will always defend the integrity of our elections.”

House Republican members of the Oregon legislature intend to introduce legislation in the upcoming long session to strengthen Oregon’s election process. Republican legislation would:

- Require that the Oregon Secretary of State perform voter roll audits.
- Require the Oregon Secretary of State to verify the eligibility status of voters registered through the Motor Voter program.

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