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## **Oregon Senate Condemns Violence Towards Elections Officials**

Senate passes SCR 1 with bipartisan support to express support for Oregon election workers.

**SALEM, Ore.** - The Oregon State Senate recently passed Senate Concurrent Resolution 1 (<u>SCR 1</u>) to recognize the tireless work and dedication of Oregon's county clerks and election administrators. The resolution, introduced at the request of Secretary of State Shemia Fagan, passed with overwhelming bipartisan support.

Results from a national survey found that nearly <u>25% of local elections officials</u> received threats of violence following the 2020 Election. <u>Oregon was no exception</u> – "<u>Next time bullets!</u>" was spray painted outside the Jackson County Clerk's office three weeks after the 2020 election.

"The Oregon Senate took bipartisan action to condemn violence and threats against Oregon County Clerks and election workers," **said Senate Majority Leader Kate Lieber**. "Elections must be safe in order to be free and fair. We hope the whole state will join us in honoring all election workers for their professionalism and dedication to upholding fair and safe elections."

Oregon's county clerks are responsible for managing elections processes throughout the state. While the Oregon Elections Division oversees statewide application of election laws and Oregon's voter registration database, county clerks are the backbone of the election process, working tirelessly to ensure that every vote counts.

SCR 1 now moves to the Oregon House of Representatives for consideration.

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