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Oregon Progressive Party Position on Bill at 2015 Session of Oregon Legislature:

Support: HB 3287

Dear Committee:

The Oregon Progressive Party officially supports HB 3287, which permits major political parties to establish membership duration requirements for primary candidates by certified party rule filed with Secretary of State.

Whether to allow candidates in its primary election who have not been members of the party for 180 days prior to the primary election filing deadline should be a decision that is up to the major party. A law mandating that no one can run in a major party primary who has not been a member of that party for the entire 250 days prior to the primary election impedes the opportunity for a major party to open its primary to new candidates.

Please include this statement in the legislative record for this bill.

Thank you.

