



**April 3, 2017**

**Oregon Progressive Party  
Position on Bill at 2017  
Session of Oregon Legislature:**

**HB 2874: Oppose**

Dear Committee:

The Oregon Progressive Party (OPP) opposes this bill, which:

- Provides exemption from mandatory disclosure of electronic mail addresses that are in possession of offices of legislative department.
- Permits disclosure of electronic mail addresses used to distribute elective officeholder newsletters to current candidates who have filed to run for elective office, if requested.

The bill's summary, above, can be misunderstood. It might be understood to mean that, in the future, any filed candidate for elective office can obtain email addresses used to distribute newsletters by the incumbent officeholder. That is not what the bill provides. It states:

(c) This subsection and ORS 244.040 do not prohibit current candidates who have filed to run for elective office from receiving upon request the electronic mail addresses used by elective officeholders for newsletter distribution.

The reference to "current candidates" is to presently filed candidates, not to persons who may in the future file their candidacies. Note the language "current candidates who have filed to run for elective office." The bill does not refer to persons who may file candidacies in the future. It refers to persons who "have filed to run for elective office."

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