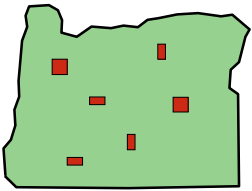
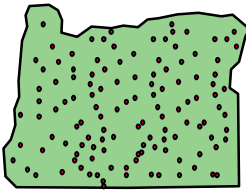


At a Glance: **Audit of Precincts vs. Sample of Ballots**

| <i>Verification Method</i> | <p style="text-align: center;">Audit of Precincts (currently proposed in HB 3270)</p>  | <p style="text-align: center;">Sample of Ballots (proposed by Oregon VRC)</p>  |
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| <i>Purpose</i> | To verify the accuracy of machine-tallied results in a few precincts. | To verify the accuracy of machine-tallied election results for actual statewide races. |
| <i>Description</i> | Officials randomly select 3%, 5%, or 10% of precincts in each county and hand count all ballots cast in those precincts. | A random sample of ballots from across the state (approximately 2.5% of the total ballots cast) is hand counted. |
| <i>Effect on Election Results</i> | The audit may result in incorrect certified election results being amended later. | The verification must be completed before the election results are certified. |
| <i>Races checked</i> | Three (3) races on the ballot in each county: the race having the most votes, one statewide race, and one ballot measure. | Three (3) races on the ballot: the race having the most votes statewide, one other randomly selected statewide race and ballot measure. |
| <i>Estimated Number of Ballots to Count</i> | 71,000 - 200,000 | 45,000 |
| <i>Estimated Cost</i> (see attached Fiscal Analysis for details) | \$10,000 to \$84,000 | \$6,000 - \$19,000 |

Know the Facts: A Guide to the Debate

| Arguments You Might Hear... | The Truth of the Matter... |
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| <i>Election audits are expensive.</i> | Not True. The Sample of Ballots method proposed by the Oregon Voter Rights Coalition can be accomplished for less than \$20,000. (See the attached Fiscal Analysis.) |
| <i>If Oregon doesn't use the sampling method in HB 3270-4, proposed federal legislation HR 811 (a.k.a. the Holt Bill) will require election officials to perform TWO audits.</i> | Not True. HR 811 states: "...a State may adopt and apply an alternative mechanism ... so long as ... the National Institute of Standards and Technology determines that the alternative mechanism will be at least as statistically effective in ensuring the accuracy of the election results as the procedure under this subtitle." (See http://holt.house.gov/voting.shtml .) |
| <i>State and County election officials are already familiar with the Audit of Precincts method in HB 3270-4, and it has been used in other states.</i> | True. However, the Audit of Precincts method is not statistically valid, and will not achieve the desired outcome of verifying election results. |
| <i>The audit method in HB 3270-4 will do a good job finding election problems in Oregon (if they exist).</i> | Not True. Statistically speaking, using the Audit of Precincts method in HB 3270-4 will provide only a 10% chance of finding election problems. In addition, HB3270-4 does not check software that compiles results at the county or state level. |
| <i>The Sample of Ballots method (proposed by the Oregon Voter Rights Coalition) cannot verify election results because it does not count entire precincts.</i> | Not True. The science of statistics shows that the Sample of Ballots method can detect errors in the machine counts with a 99% level of confidence, and verifies actual race results. (See http://tinyurl.com/2343m2 .) |
| <i>The Sample of Ballots methodology (proposed by the Oregon Voter Rights Coalition) is untested.</i> | Not True. Oregon already uses statistical random sampling to verify signatures on initiative petitions. Statistical methods are widely used in both the private and public sectors as a quality control tool. The State of Oregon would be breaking new ground and leading the nation in improving the integrity of elections by using statistically rigorous verification methodology. |
| <i>HB3270-4 as currently written will satisfy the requirements of the federal legislative proposal HR 811 (a.k.a. the Holt Bill).</i> | Not True. The Holt Bill will require ALL federal races to be counted, with a different sampling method than that proposed in HB 3270-4. (See http://holt.house.gov/voting.shtml .) |