

**REVENUE:** No revenue impact

**FISCAL:** Fiscal statement issued

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**Action:** Do Pass as Amended and Be Printed Engrossed

**Vote:** 5 - 0 - 2

**Yeas:** Avakian, Courtney, Morse, Winters, Monroe

**Nays:** 0

**Exc.:** Atkinson, Metsger

**Prepared By:** Marjorie Taylor, Administrator

**Meeting Dates:** 4/04, 4/25, 4/30

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**WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:** Designates United States Senator, Representative in Congress, Governor, Secretary of State, State Treasurer, Attorney general, state Senator, state Representative and any state, county, city or district office as voter choice offices. Excludes nonpartisan offices. Allows voters at primary election to vote for any candidate for voter choice office, without regard to political party affiliation, or lack of affiliation, of voter or candidate. Specifies that two candidates for voter choice office receiving highest number of votes at primary election are nominated for office at general election. Requires a candidate for voter choice office receiving a majority of votes cast during a primary election to be the only person on the general election ballot. Requires a political party to file rules specifying qualifications that a candidate must satisfy to be eligible to appear on the ballot as a member of the party. Allows a political party to notify the elections officer that a candidate for nomination is not eligible to be listed on the ballot as a member of the political party according to their party rules.

**ISSUES DISCUSSED:**

- Opportunities to include more voters in the primary election
- Ability for major parties to open their primary elections
- Proposed structure for Instant Runoff Voting

**EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT:** Indicates that if a candidate for voter choice office receives a majority of votes during the primary election, that candidate will be the only person on the general election ballot. Requires a political party to file party rules specifying qualifications that a candidate must satisfy to be eligible to appear on the ballot as a member of the party. Allows a political party to notify the elections officer that a candidate for nomination is not eligible to be listed on the ballot as a member of the political party according to party rules.

**BACKGROUND:** Provisions of the "Open Primary" measure allow Oregon voters to select two final candidates to appear on the general election ballot, or one candidate if they receive a majority of votes at the primary, regardless of the political party affiliation, or lack of party affiliation, of the elector or candidate. The "Open Primary" applies to the following elected officials: US Senator; Representative in Congress; Governor; Secretary of State; State Treasurer; Attorney General; state Senator; state Representative and to any state, county, city or district office that is not nonpartisan or an office for which nominations to the general election by political parties are otherwise authorized by law. All candidates would be listed on the primary election ballot without regard to the candidates' political affiliation, or lack thereof. The ballot would be sent to all voters, without regard to their political affiliation, or lack thereof and voters would be able to vote for any candidate.