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Honorable Chair Representative Chris Garrett, Vice-Chair Representative Wally Hicks, Vice-Chair Representative Val Hoyle, Representative Bob Jenson, Representative Bill Kennemer, Representative Paul Holvey, Representative Phil Barnhart, Representative Vicki Berger, and Representative Michael Dembrow,

I oppose HB 3304

The Combination of this bill in conjunction with HJR 32, eliminates the current process of local elections for County Clerk and any recall or other discipline brought about by local electors. Provided for in Oregon's Constitution. In Article II Section 18 Current recall efforts would require 15% of signatures to bring an officer to a Recall.

This proposal bill removes this citizen's power to choose whom they trust to conduct their elections or recall that officer. In its place it establishes an expensive bureaucracy to investigate, bring to a hearing and removal of an elections officer This bill takes the citizens completely out of the process.

The Commission would cost multi-Million dollars per year to maintain regardless if there were any problems. This is a new expense for the state.

A tyrannical effort to replace our constitutional republic with a state appointed bureaucracy. 'Commission on Fitness of County Clerks' The new commission can appoint "Masters" who will conduct hearings of ONE elector complaint regarding the conduct of the County Clerk. It can keep some testimony from the people.

This is an extraordinary expansion of the state control over local election affairs.

Respectfully,
Janice Dysinger