

HB 3077

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Thank you Chair Garrett and members of the committee for letting me speak today.

The supporters of HB 3077 clearly seek to preserve Oregon from the soul-crushing pressures of relevance in the national conversation. Why else would they ask Oregonians to abandon their constitutional rights and bow down to their betters in California?

After all, California has such a clear history of wisdom, like the time they destroyed their economy by unanimous legislative action to deregulate energy trading with the wildly popular AB 1890. How wise of them to encourage power outages to freeze grandmothers in winter...my grandmother, for example. Or there was the time when the head of the Public Employee Retirement System was indicted on financial fraud charges...this week. Or the time...but you take my point. Popularity is not wisdom, just ask a Venezuelan.

More troubling is the attempt of HB 3077 to subvert the Constitution and deny the rights of the people of Oregon. It is an unacceptable fraud to perform an end-around of the amendment process and disenfranchise Oregonians in the process. Those of us who live in smaller states are protected by the constitution from being buffaloed into popular insanity and marginalization. This protection has kept the United States prosperous and free for generations and it works. If the sponsors of this bill are serious about abolishing the Electoral College, they should follow the amendment process instead of performing legislative theft of our civil liberties.

Finally, as Chair of the Voter Integrity Project for the Multnomah County Republican Party, I'm reasonably certain that elections held under my scrutiny are fair and honest. I am also well aware that elections around the country are wildly compromised. From a poll worker in Ohio who is under indictment for the six votes she cast last year to Maryland Representative Jim Moran's son who forged power bills to generate additional voter registrations, voter fraud is rampant. This bill serves to marginalize Oregonians for their honesty. This

bill incentivizes voter fraud across the country and punishes states that refuse to cheat. Even worse, it rewards state government to look the other way at voter suppression.

Vote fraud is voter suppression, and HB 3077 rewards fraud. The Electoral College is a flawed system, but it is better than this bill because it keeps the other state's lies in check.