

House Rules Committee

Regarding HB 4054 Amended,

I object to the way this bill is being rushed without giving the time to fully vent such an important change to how we hold elections. Oregonians deserve better and they deserve adequate time for research and testimony and conversations with their representatives. None of that has happened and I encourage you to reject this amendment.

What appears to be an attempt to give every voter an opportunity to vote in the primary is assuming that the 30% cited that registers for a minor party doesn't put any candidates on the ballot. If you take the top two candidates from the primary for the general election, a minor party will never have a candidate in the general election - is that fair?

This method of voting takes away the individual right to run for office. It forces parties to only put one candidate on the ballot in the primary, basically eliminating the opportunities for individuals to run in a primary.

Meaningful participation seems to be defined as giving voters unlimited votes for each race. Do you realize that allowing voters to vote for more than one candidate will make it more difficult to determine voter fraud and easier for fraud to be perpetrated and go unchecked.

I realize this bill will go to the voters, but the legislature can do better to protect individual rights, minority party rights as a proposal to the electorate. Please do not pass this bill.

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