

## IPO TESTIMONY ON HB 3297

April 15, 2015

Chair Hoyle, Members of the Committee,

### **HB 3297**

#### **Relating to ballots**

My name is Sal Peralta. I am testifying today on behalf of the Independent Party of Oregon, a ballot qualified major political party with 110,000 members statewide.

From 2007 through 2009, I spent a considerable amount of time lobbying on behalf of the statutory clarifications that restored Oregon's long-standing practice of allowing candidates who receive the nominations of more than one political party to list up to three of those affiliations on the ballot.

I would like to express my support for this bill. The key difference between the proposed legislation and current law is that it allows voters to express what agenda they are supporting when they vote for a political candidate.

Five out of nine members of this committee received the nominations of more than one political party. This bill would simply provide a little more information about where your support is coming from.

Understanding more about these associations is more important than in years past, particularly given the adoption of the state's new Motor Voter law and the large number of voters who are unaffiliated with any political party.

I urge you to move this bill to the floor with a "do pass" recommendation.



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