

**HB 2917 - NATIONAL POPULAR VOTE
STRONG OPPOSITION**

Dear Chair Williamson and members of the House Rules Committee,

I count it my duty to share the reasoning why I strongly oppose HB 2927, which I also testified against in 2015 on HB 3475.

I have found that the general public has bought into the notion that "every vote counts" that is the marketing ploy for this bill. But, I'm sure you recognize that "every vote" doesn't not count under this bill.

Oregon has been known for its individualism and separation from the pack. Informed Oregonians would never agree to give away every vote in Oregon to a Compact that will determine our vote for us. If Oregon is lumped into a Compact with California, we would never get to vote because California's votes would dictate the vote. I don't call that as "every vote counts" nor would any Oregonian if they knew what this bill does.

This bill is further from every vote counting than the Electoral College, which weights every vote so smaller states are weighted more than more populated states giving Oregonians a 1.3 vote compared to New York's 1.0 vote, and a 1.6 vote compared to California's 1.0 vote.

Don't give away our sovereignty to vote as a state. Please vote NO on HB 2927.

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