

Chairwoman Williamson, members of the Committee...

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I am writing in support of HB 2927, the National Popular Vote Interstate Compact (NPVIC) Bill. I will not be able to attend the Hearing for this Bill in person so I am submitting this Testimony for your consideration.

I believe that HB 2927 brilliantly harnesses the power vested in the States by the U.S. Constitution to make compacts between themselves for the benefit of their citizens. Having Oregon join the NPVIC would be one step closer to creating a "one person, one vote" environment for the election of the President. It would remedy an unfortunate situation wherein Republican votes for President in Oregon are essentially worthless because of the way that a state-wide, rather than nation-wide, vote is used to award Oregon's seven Electoral Votes. Because the Presidential election scheme envisioned by the NPVIC would eliminate the phenomenon of "battleground" states, we in Oregon would enjoy having Presidential candidates actually campaign in Oregon and, after elected, would consider Oregon equally with the previous "battleground" states when allocating Federal funds and benefits.