

Hello,

My name is Nick Eustrom and I am a Salem, OR resident from House District 20 and I am writing to urge the committee to vote in favor of HB 2927.

Our current electoral college system is unfair and broken, giving too much power and influence to so-called 'battleground' states. Currently, policies important to the citizens of non-battleground states are not as highly prioritized as policies important to 'battleground' states when it comes to governing.

“Battleground” states receive 7% more presidentially controlled grants than “spectator” states, twice as many presidential disaster declarations, more Superfund enforcement exemptions, and more No Child Left Behind law exemptions.

The electoral college is blatantly unfair to voter in bigger states. Take for example the electoral college math of California vs. Wyoming. California has a population of 38,800,000 and 55 electoral college votes, whereas Wyoming has a population of 584,153 and 3 electoral college votes. It takes 705,454 Californians to equal 1 electoral vote, and only 194,717 Wyomingites to equal 1 electoral vote. This makes every vote from Wyoming worth 362% more than each vote from California is worth. Each resident of the United States should have the same voting power. In a democracy, the election should be awarded to the person who earns the most votes.

A National Popular Vote would ensure that as Oregonians, our votes, wants and needs are weighted equally to 'battleground' states who are currently receiving all of our president candidates attentions and presidential support.

I again urge the committee to vote in favor of HB 2927.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Nick Eustrom