

I am writing to urge the House Rules Committee to vote in favor of HB 2927. As an Oregonian (I live in Keizer), I want to see my state stand up for true democracy. True democracy is when "one person, one vote" means that each person's vote in America is WORTH the same as each other person's vote.

The "winner take all" statues in America distort the worth of individual votes and prevent candidates who win the actual popular vote on a national level from becoming President. Under the "winner take all" system, voters in some states have more electoral power to choose the president than voters in other states, minority groups become disenfranchised, and non-"battleground" states such as Oregon are often overlooked by Presidential candidates. .

The U.S. Constitution (Article II, Section 1) gives the states exclusive control over awarding their electoral votes: "Each State shall appoint, in such Manner as the Legislature thereof may direct, a Number of Electors...."

The National Popular Vote interstate compact would guarantee the Presidency to the candidate who receives the most popular votes in all 50 states and the District of Columbia. The bill ensures that *every* vote, in *every* state, will matter in *every* presidential election, while still preserving the Electoral College and state control of elections.

I urge the Committee to vote YES on HB 2927 in the interest of ALL Oregonians.

Thank you,
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-- Eat well, laugh often!