

Testimony in Opposition to HB 2927

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The Oregon State Motto is “She Flies with Her Own Wings” because Oregonians take pride in being free and independent. Signing on to a state compact is a big mistake, because it diminishes our state sovereignty.

States that have already signed the NPV Compact intend to disregard their own state election because their electors must vote for whoever receives the most votes nationwide. The electors of Oregon should only represent the will of the voters in our state.

Donald Trump did not win Oregon in 2016, but consider the situation if he would have won 20 states and the popular vote nationwide? Under this possible scenario, if Oregon would have been a member of the NPV Compact, how would you have explained to voters that our electors must cast their vote for Donald Trump instead of Hilary Clinton? They would not have understood; especially, if she would have won in 30 other states with the electoral votes nationwide to win the election.

Consider the election of 2004. Did Oregon voters cast more votes for John Kerry than George Bush? How many thousands of Oregon voters would have been outraged, if Oregon electors had been forced to vote for George Bush instead because he had more votes nationwide?

The citizens of Oregon count on the State Legislature to carefully consider all future ramifications of bills before they pass them. The ramifications of this bill would be devastating to voters and should not be passed out of committee. Please vote no.