

Chair Williamson, Committee Members

I urge a yes vote on HB 2927. To continue to sanction elections where the wishes of the majority do not prevail is irrational and inequitable.

A vote in Wyoming is worth almost 4 times more than a vote in California because of the Electoral College process. Each of Wyoming's electoral votes represents about 149,000 voters, while in Texas each electoral vote represents about 533,000 voters, for example. By avoiding campaign efforts in big states, a candidate could win the US presidency with just 23% of the popular vote through the Electoral College process.

There are a number of US Constitution election cases based on one person having one vote. Deploying the Electoral College process does not honor the value of one person, one vote. Further, Oregon's role is diminished by the lack of the one person, one vote principle. Oregonian votes should count as much as anyone else's.

National Popular vote will assure everyone's vote has an equal value. What worked in the days of 13 colonies doesn't work in today's well-connected communicating environment. Please vote for fairness, the Oregon way.

Thank you.

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