

Dear Rules Committee,

I strongly urge you to pass HB 2927 out of committee today so we can get one step closer to Oregon's adoption of the National Popular Vote Interstate Compact.

This compact has captivated the attention of the United States after our last election however, as you all likely know, has a history in Oregon going back to 2009. This compact is not a response to an election but a steady effort for a more just system of electing the President.

The constitution grants the legislature the authority to determine how our electors vote in the electoral college. It is in all of your hands to have Oregon help lead the way, away from statewide-winner-take-all votes towards election by a national popular vote.

Geography should not dictate the weight of an individual's vote for president as it does now and we are relying on our elected leaders to fix the system. My vote should matter equally if I voted in Pennsylvania or in Oregon. My vote for a republican candidate in Oregon should count the same as a vote cast for a democratic candidate in Texas. My vote should actually matter, because it certainly doesn't now.

Please be a part of the solution away from statewide winner take all elections, and help return us to an America where the President is elected to represent all people, not just those in swing states.

Respectfully,
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