

To: Chair Jennifer Williamson, Co Chairs Mike MacLane and Dan Rayfield, and members of the House Rules Committee

From: Gaye Wood, Oregon City OR

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Re: Supporting House Bill 2927

Hopefully the Committee is hearing and considering the many legitimate reasons for supporting HB 2927, the measure that would finally apply "one person = one vote to the election of our nation's highest elected office. I would like to add my voice to those supporting the Bill.

The history of the Electoral College tells us that it was intended to prevent someone unqualified from assuming the Office of the President, fearing that the "unruly masses" would decide by majority vote, that someone unprepared and ill suited for the Office would become President.

The obvious irony before us now is that the exact opposite has happened. The Electoral College is now a proven and perverse failure of its original intent. I am convinced that Oregon risks nothing by signing on to this thoughtful approach to achieving one person = one vote.