

Dear Chairwoman Burdick and Members of the Committee, I am writing to you to ask you to bring HB2927 to a vote in the Senate and to vote for it.

Our current system of winner take all that most states use to apportion their electoral votes for President is undemocratic because it creates a situation where some votes don't count, that is Republican votes in Democratic states, and Democratic votes in Republican states. All votes for President should count equally which is something that the present system does not do. Voters in Oregon when casting a vote for President don't care that their vote joins with the votes of Michigan, North Carolina or California to elect the President. They just want to see that their vote counts equally with all other votes in the state and that the person they are electing actually received a majority of the votes. By pretending to care about the interests of Oregon voters you are actually doing the opposite by telling many Oregon voters that their votes don't count when electing the President. Our current system of choosing electors is outmoded, way past its due date, awkward, confusing and undemocratic.

As for SB825, the US Constitution clearly states that it is the right and duty of the state legislature to determine how to apportion electoral votes, and not a referendum. By referring it to a referendum the legislature is both avoiding its responsibility for which it was elected and perhaps dooming the bill as unconstitutional.

It is time that the election of the President of the United States be decided by all the people and not by a small minority of voters in states far distant from Oregon. It is no favor to any Oregonian that a few thousand votes in Pennsylvania, Michigan and Wisconsin counted for more than their vote in Oregon.

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