

I support HB2927 and do not support SB825. HB2927 finally helps to address the fact that Oregon as a state isn't equally represented under our current system. As an Oregonian, my vote for the president literally counts for less than someone else's vote in another state. How is that remotely fair to Oregonians? This bill is trying to change an unfair system that doesn't allow each person's vote to count equally. State legislatures have the constitution-given responsibility to determine how our electors vote in the electoral college. It is up to all of you to have Oregon lead the way towards eliminating this winner-take-all notion in favor of national popular vote. I would ask that you pass HB2927 with no voter referral. SB825 is a bad tactic to pass the buck and avoid doing the job you were elected to do, which is enact legislation on behalf of the people who voted for you. Putting this on the ballot just invites obscene outside influence spending ridiculous amounts of money to manipulate people. We saw this happen with Measure 97, and that worked out badly. If you really want to work on behalf of Oregonians, how about working to ensure that living in Oregon means voters get equal say in who is elected leader of the country? How about making sure that *all* states are engaged in election campaigns instead of just a handful of swing states that get all the attention? Shouldn't Oregon voters get legitimate consideration by candidates trying to earn every single vote in the country instead of a few thousand that might swing the whole country one way or another? All votes and all voters should matter equally in this country. Please do the job you were elected to do, and Pass HB 2927 with no voter referral, and at least it's a step in that direction. Otherwise, you're basically telling Oregonians that if they want their vote to count more in national elections, they should move to a state where it does.

Sincerely,

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