

Under the US Constitution, it is the duty of our state legislature to determine how Oregon's electoral votes are awarded; no legislature in history has abdicated that duty by referring the matter directly to the voters. Our republic demands that in matters as sensitive and fundamental as this, our representatives fulfill their duty to carefully consider the matter in a way that direct democracy is unable to do.

People are busy, and the NPV bill is hard to understand and easy to misunderstand. Referring this matter directly to the voters, in a low-turnout primary election no less, would not only be an abdication of the legislature's constitutional responsibility but would also put the delicate balance of our republic into the ill-informed hands of direct democracy.

Therefore, I oppose SB 825 and ask you to oppose it as well.

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