

I oppose SB 825, because strengthening our republic by improving the democratic process is a job for our representatives, who are informed enough to make a wise decision on this sensitive and important issue.

The US Constitution is clear that state legislature shall decide the manner of apportioning electoral votes. It is an abdication of constitutional responsibility to refer this matter directly to the voters, and no legislature has ever done it.

Furthermore, in practical terms it is expensive to run a ballot initiative, and it opens the door to out-of-state money coming into Oregon with misinformation and fear mongering. The constitution and the voters have both empowered the state legislature to decide on this matter.

Best,
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