

Greetings,

We have coming to the floor today legislation that I am intensely interested in. I want Oregon to lead the way to National Popular Vote. I believe that one vote for one person is the best way to have an actual democracy. Anything else is less than. I remember my time in Costa Rica where the citizens proudly told me that they had a real democracy, direct election, more teachers than police and visionary environmental policies. That was 20 years ago. It is time to move toward a true democracy here at home.

As an Oregonian I strongly urge the Oregon legislature to pass HB2927 as is and not pass SB 825. The President should be representative of all people of the United States and it is time we adopt the National Popular Vote Interstate Compact so one person = one vote. My vote should count equally as any other voting individual in any other state.

The constitution grants state legislatures the responsibility of determining how our electors vote in the electoral college. It is in all of your hands to have Oregon help lead the way, away from statewide-winner-take-all towards election by a national popular vote. I urge you to not support SB 825 which abdicates this constitutional responsibility of the legislature in favor of referring the issue to the voters. In the history of the electoral college this decision has never been made by anyone other than the legislature, this includes when Oregon adopted its current winner-take-all system. Interestingly, it was not until 1824 that the United States first saw an election where the majority of states used a statewide winner-take-all voting method for choosing their presidential electors.

Changing our system away from statewide winner-take-all isn't unheard of in our country's history; having the people decide that issue instead of the state legislature is unheard of. Please pass HB 2927 out of committee and do not pass SB 825

Thank you,

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