

Dear Rules Committee,

The electoral college system is an ineffective way of representing the interests of the states. The people in the minority are ignored, while the election may be swayed by gained a majority in just a few key states. Oregon is thus forgotten in Presidential elections. We deserve to have a real say in who becomes our leader. It is not enough that we are just points on a scoreboard: Every vote should matter. That's why I urge you to move forward with HB2927.

I further urge you to support this bill over a similar bill with reference to referral. You are elected to represent our votes, and we entrust you with decisions on complicated matters. The Oregon State Constitution specifically allows for the people to repeal legislation if they decide it by petition and then a general vote. If we put this to a vote, foreign moneyed interests are much more likely to infiltrate our elections to confuse the issue. But if the burden is on those opposing the legislation, they are less likely to fight against this principle that moves us closer to a better democracy.

Thanks and all the best,

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