

To Senator Burdick and Members of the Senate Rules Committee:

I strongly support HB2927 and hope you will move it out of committee and onto the Senate floor for a vote. All elected officials are chosen by popular vote except the U.S. President, a situation that definitely does not meet a good standard for democracy. Congress already represents states and the districts within states. We want the President to represent the people, ALL the people.

SB825 is not an acceptable alternative to HB2927. It is mandated in the Constitution that the state legislatures direct the use of the electoral college. We have elected you to do that job!

There has been concern expressed that if a candidate wins the popular vote nationally but does not win the popular vote in Oregon, then it would be problematic for Oregon electors to go against the majority of the Oregon voters. But that argument assumes that state representation is significant. In the Presidential election, it is each individual person's vote that counts -- every vote in every state. The popular vote nationwide determines the election and the electoral college simply acts on that result. There is no reason to look at state-by-state results.

Please give your support to HB2927!

Thank you,  
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