

Notes in Support of HB 2927

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This committee has already heard weeks of testimony, for and against the NPV. There would be little if any new information, I could add to it today.

Instead, I would like to remind the committee that just a few years ago, an Oregon poll was taken that showed 76% support from Oregon citizens for the NPV. That was 6% above the National average.

The Oregon Legislature is empowered to enact laws in the interests of its citizens. Surely voting fairness is one of those interests.

Therefore, I am asking this Committee to allow HB 2927 to come to the floor of the Senate for an up or down vote, without amendments.

If the Voters of Oregon find they do not like this new law, allowing every *individual* vote to count in the National Election, there are means for repealing it. And yet, of the ten States and one District who have already signed this Compact, none have chosen to. I believe Oregon will follow suite, once passed into law.

What do we have to lose?

Oregon is famous as a bright blue state, a progressive leader in so many areas, and I am grateful for it. However, are *all* our voices in Oregon being heard during a National Election? Or, do we sometimes feel we might as well have thrown our ballots into the trash. And, we are right for feeling this. We are *not* a Swing State. We are *not* listened to by those running for President. We are hardly even visited by them! In the present system, Oregon's seven electoral votes do not matter. They are counted...but, they don't count.

Passing the National Popular Vote Interstate Compact into law, across this country, will change that. Let us join our two sister states, and form a united West Coast alliance against *all* the voting problems we have in our divided country today. Making everyone's vote, as important as everyone else's. Please bring HB 2927, un-amended, to a vote.

Thank you,

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