

Dear Members of the Senate Rules Committee:

My name is Gay Greger and I have submitted testimony earlier explaining why I support HB2927. However, I wanted to add my thoughts related to SB825 which, in my opinion, is an abdication of the legislature's responsibility.

The Constitution gives the responsibility for choosing the method of awarding electoral votes to the state legislatures. It was the Oregon legislature that determined we would award all of our votes to the candidate who won the state (winner take all). Measure 2927 simply directs the legislature to award votes another way - a more fair and equal way.

On the face of it, referring a measure to the people sounds like the ultimate democratic thing to do. But you are all well aware of extreme costs associated with running a campaign such as this - and the likelihood that a well-funded opposition group from outside Oregon would come in to confuse the issue. It is your responsibility to make this decision and I encourage you to have the courage to do your job.

Making this decision now will in no way change how Oregon casts its electoral votes at this time. The National Popular Vote will not take effect until enough states join the coalition. We have nothing to lose by passing this measure now.

Sincerely,

Gay Greger