

Dear reader,

Please pass a clean bill for the adoption of the National Popular Vote Interstate Compact from the senate rules committee that does not refer the NPVIC to the voters.

Oregon's senators have never gotten a chance to vote for the NPV, because it's never passed from the rules committee to a floor vote, though it's passed in the Oregon house four times. Four failures since 2009 to send the bill for a vote in the senate is a poor record for the rules committee leadership and has caused ill-feeling for the lack of transparency.

Please reject the SB 1512, the bill that refers NPV to a vote in a statewide election; the U.S. Constitution clearly assigns the job of selecting the state's electoral apportionment method to the legislature of the individual state. To pursue a vote by general election for deciding the method for electoral apportionment is a deviation from more than two hundred years of practice in fifty states; it's in the category of bizarre to head off in a direction that is not even mentioned in the U.S. Constitution, to adulterate the process and to open the state up to the interference of anti-democratic forces that spend millions of dollars to make the decision that is the job of the Oregon legislature to make.

Please pass a clean bill for the full senate to vote on and start to reverse the bad faith caused by the leadership related to this record of bottle-necking a popular measure.

Thank you for considering my views on the NPV.

Sincerely,

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