

I support National Popular Vote bill that has already passed the Oregon House four times and which Senators have been denied the right to vote on since 2009. I do not support referral BECAUSE . . .

the founders gave the authority to make this decision to state legislators as stated in [Article II, Section 1](#): "Each State shall appoint, in such Manner **as the Legislature thereof may direct**, a Number of Electors, equal to the whole Number of Senators and Representatives to which the State may be entitled in the Congress . . . " Every law in every state saying how electoral votes should be awarded has been decided by state legislators. This is the job of the legislators as stated in the Constitution.

A referral invites out of state anti-democracy special interest groups to spend millions of dollars in Oregon to influence this campaign. [The Koch brothers](#) have pledged to spend 400 million this year on "politics and policy to shape November's midterm elections nationwide." Oregon will see some of this money if NPV becomes a ballot measure.

NPVIC is critically important to me and I will vote for my state senator(or not) based on his vote on this issue. Put this Bill on the floor for a vote in this session and put it up clean, no referral.

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