

Due to weather I will not be able to make it to Salem in person, so please accept this electronic public testimony for the 1/14/20 informational meeting on Ranked Choice Voting (Senate Interim Committee on Campaign Finance):

Thank you, senators and all in attendance, for taking the time and initiative to explore this important matter of voting method reform. My name is Annie Kallen and I am a resident of Portland. I am the chapter lead for STAR Voting in Multnomah County.

We must change the way we vote in order to make sure all voices are heard fairly. Here in Multnomah County, a contingent of volunteers and activists have been making great strides towards implementing STAR Voting at the local level, working on implementation with political parties, neighborhood associations, cities, and more. STAR is another Oregon elections innovation and it is the right method for our state for a number of reasons. It is precinct-summable, which is vital for transparency and accountability. The results are easy to interpret after the fact, including at the district level. And voting your honest opinion will never backfire.

STAR is not just a better way of voting; it's been scientifically and mathematically shown to outperform all other major methods in terms of accuracy, representation, and voter satisfaction. STAR stands for "Score Then Automatic Runoff," but perhaps it should stand for "Secure, Transparent, Accurate Results," because that's what it delivers.

Thank-you for your attention to this issue. I look forward to the day when I can safely vote my conscience in Oregon elections using STAR Voting.

Annie Kallen