

Testimony in opposition to SB 368

Senate Rules Committee

February 11, 2019

Members of the Committee,

A separate-vote requirement for county charter amendments is unconstitutional.

The citizen initiative process - including amending county charters - should be as open and unencumbered as possible, as the constitution guarantees. The people of Oregon have equal law making powers to elected officials at all levels and their ability to propose and adopt laws should be as straightforward as it is for county commissioners or state legislators.

Though the changes appear straight forward there are major flaws that need to be addressed. Not only is the separate vote review being wrongly applied but it should have never been applied in the first place.

Please join me in opposing SB 368.

Thank you!

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