

Dear Senate Rules Committee members,

I urge you to oppose SB368 which will not clarify the initiative process but instead removes power from the heart of our democracy - the citizenry.

This bill is unconstitutional because:

- There is not a separate vote requirement for county charter amendments
- County Clerks should not have the ability to review county charter amendments on separate vote grounds and they are not qualified to do so
- County Clerks reviewing charter amendments violates the separation of powers between the the executive and judicial branches of the Oregon government.

Citizen lawmaking is a co-equal power to the legislature, and it is unconstitutional for the legislature to interfere with this process. It is also the center of our American democratic process, and any attempt to hinder it is an abuse of power.

Thank you,
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