

Dear Senate Rules Committee,

I urge your support for the National Popular Vote Interstate Compact (NPVIC). This will make the votes of Oregonians of all parties count in a national presidential election as everyone's vote would be combined with those of like minded people in every state. As things are now, Oregon has a pretty reliable Democratic majority resulting in all of Oregon's Electoral Votes going to any Democratic candidate, per the current winner-take-all rules. Oregonians of every party should have a say in the election of our presidents, and the NPVIC would allow their votes to be counted with their fellow voters across the nation. Every vote should be counted equally.

Under the current system with 48 states allocating their EC votes by winner-take-all, the reality is that 12 battleground states pretty much determine the election of our presidents. The candidates should be required to make their case to voters across the whole country, including voters in Oregon. Adopting the NPVIC would help to reduce the power of those 12 battle ground states and make the whole country, including Oregon, the battleground on which candidates would need to fight for votes.

Please support SB870. Make Oregon part of the National Popular Vote Interstate Compact. We can make this happen for the 2020 election.

Respectfully,

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