



April 22, 2019

To: Senate Committee on Rules
Senator Ginny Burdick, Chair
Senator Herman Baertschiger Jr., Vice Chair
Members of the Committee

Re: Technical Change to HCR 2-A

Chair Burdick, Vice Chair Baertschiger Jr., and Members of the Senate Committee on Rules,

I am now in my 13th year as a coach of the Constitution Team from Lincoln High School in Portland, Oregon. Recently, the Committee took action on HCR 2-A honoring the 150th Anniversary of Lincoln High School. After reading the amended resolution, it noted that the team earned 24 state title wins. This figure seemed high to me. So, I conferred with my colleague Alison Brody – who has coached the team for 20 years – as well as current and former staff of the Classroom Law Project which runs the statewide “We the People” program to review past results.

All parties agreed with the data provided below which shows that Lincoln High School teams have won a total of 20 state titles, not 24 as HCR 2-A currently states.

School Year	State Title Champion
1987-1988	Lincoln
1988-1989	Lincoln
1989-1990	Lincoln
1990-1991	Lincoln
1991-1992	Lincoln
1992-1993	Lincoln
1993-1994	Lincoln
1994-1995	Lincoln
1995-1996	Lincoln
1996-1997	Lincoln
1997-1998	Lincoln
1998-1999	Lincoln
1999-2000	Lincoln
2000-2001	Lincoln



2001-2002	Grant
2002-2003	Lincoln
2003-2004	Grant
2004-2005	Grant
2005-2006	Grant
2006-2007	Grant
2007-2008	Grant
2008-2009	Grant
2009-2010	Lincoln
2010-2011	Grant
2011-2012	Lincoln
2012-2013	Grant
2013-2014	Lincoln
2014-2015	Grant
2015-2016	Lincoln
2016-2017	Grant
2017-2018	Grant
2018-2019	Lincoln

While this may seem like a minor change, both Alison and I believe that the record should be corrected for two reasons:

1. Our neighboring team of Grant High School in NE Portland earned 12 state championship titles during the 32 years of the program. A resolution affirming Lincoln High School's wins above what Lincoln H.S. students earned diminishes the wins that Grant H.S. students worked hard to earn.
2. The Classroom Law Project has worked incredibly hard to expand, sustain, and rebuild this program in high schools throughout the state in rural and urban areas. We believe that an inaccurate reflection of wins in the record would continue a viewpoint of urban schools becoming more dominant in the competition and hinder efforts to grow statewide.

Thank you,

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