

Members of the Senate Rules Committee:

I am solidly opposed to SB 761-3 which blocks online petition programs.

I am a senior living and voting in rural southern Oregon and I have used that process on more than one occasion. I have printed out petitions for myself, my husband, and occasionally for our voting (electronically illiterate) parents. It is a useful and appreciated tool for those of us in rural areas who have limited access to standard petition drives.

This appears to be a direct assault on the initiative, referendum, and recall provisions for Oregon voters for THIS legislative session, especially since it has the "emergency clause" attached and is reversed in January 2023. Why is this an emergency, and why is it reversed, unless the legislature thinks the voters will succeed in overturning legislation passed in this session? Actions like these are destroying any trust the voters have in our elected officials representing us or having our best interest in mind! Do current legislators feel guilty about passing some laws? Or do they think Oregon voters are stupid, illiterate, or uneducated and need to be silenced or overruled? What exactly is behind this bill?

I urge you to KILL THIS BILL now, before more damage is done to our state.

Sincerely,

Jean Hart
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