



Oregon's Farmworker Union

June 20, 2019

Chair Holvey, members of the House Rules Committee

Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony in support of SB224-A7 on behalf of PCUN, Oregon's Farmworker Union. Our mission is to build a voice for farm workers, and Latino working families by building strong communities, electoral organizing, and policy change at the state and national level.

SB224-A7 reduces the threshold on the amount of registered voters needed in order to qualify as a minor political party.

As an affiliate of the Working Families Party, PCUN was concerned that Section 26 was taken out of SB 224, which included that party status is calculated only based on voters who are *registered with a party*.

The -7 amendments that you see today **permanently changes the threshold for minor party status from one-half (½) percent to one-third (⅓) percent of all registered voters.**

We are supportive of this amendment and PCUN respectfully requests the committee to support SB224-A7.

Martha Sonato

Political Director, PCUN, Oregon's Farmworker Union