

I strongly encourage the Oregon State Legislature to make use of an independent commission to recommend district boundaries, based on criteria in ORS 188.010:

The criteria to be considered requires that each district, as nearly as practicable, shall:

- *Be contiguous;*
- *Be of equal population;*
- *Utilize existing geographic or political boundaries;*
- *Not divide communities of common interest; and*
- *Be connected by transportation links.*

In addition, the law states that no district shall be drawn for the purpose of favoring any political party, incumbent legislator or other person or be drawn for the purpose of diluting the voting strength of any language or ethnic minority group.

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The initiative to create an independent commission failed because of the difficulty of gathering signatures during a pandemic, but the idea received broad bipartisan support. In a time when basic democratic principles and voters' rights are under assault, creation of such a commission will strengthen voter trust and strengthen democracy.

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