

I am writing to ask you to support SB 791: Ranked Choice Voting.

Ranked Choice Voting is a proven electoral reform that enhances voter choice, eliminates the third party spoiler effect, and saves on the cost of staging run-off elections.

This bill would create RCV elections for major party primaries, state nonpartisan elections, and local nonpartisan elections where allowed by Home Rule charters. This would be a HUGE leap forward for RCV in Oregon.

My request is that you support this important legislation to the extent you possibly can.

In the end, the legislature may opt to refer the question of Ranked Choice Voting to the voters by way of a ballot referral. This would be a good way to enable RCV as well. Preferably this will advance for a full vote of the legislature and passed into law by the governor.

For your information, the Academy of Arts and Sciences commissioned a report on electoral reforms and the Commission in "Our Common Purpose" lists Ranked Choice Voting as an important reform, even a priority.  
<https://www.amacad.org/ourcommonpurpose/report>

Indeed, RCV is now used in countries around the world, in cities and states like San Francisco and Maine; RCV is a great reform that will have a positive effect on our civic and political culture.

Thank you for advancing this Ranked Choice Voting legislation through the legislative process.

Regards,  
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