

I am a resident of Multnomah County, Senate District 18. I would urge for the committee to oppose SB 343 unless amended to include STAR Voting. RCV is not a better method than our current plurality system and will continue to disenfranchise voters. There are many resources to learn about STAR as well as the limits of RCV.

Here is a link to a research report from RCV Oregon's own committee on alternative voting methods. NOTE: Following the release of this report and a well attended public vote, RCV-OR members officially voted to pursue STAR Voting in 2017 and later voted unanimously to join the Equal Vote Coalition: [https://www.starvoting.us/pros\\_and\\_cons](https://www.starvoting.us/pros_and_cons)

And this article goes into the Limits of RCV: <https://electionscience.org/voting-methods/runoff-election-the-limits-of-ranked-choice-voting/>

Please do not pass this bill as is unless amended to include STAR.

Thank you,  
Sarah Erlund