

This year Oregon has multiple legislative bills coming up which offer new and better choices for election procedures. However, SB 343 exclusively promotes Ranked Choice Voting (RCV), which has proved to be unpopular with voters in many states where it has been introduced then quickly repealed. A better choice is Star Voting, a concept first developed in Oregon by Mark Frohnmayer. It is a more expressive, more fair, and easier to understand method which does not require the replacement of our state voting machines. I urge you to modify SB 343 to include STAR Voting and its simplified version Approval Voting. However, without that modification, I would urge you to vote against SB 343. Please make the best choice of the new and improved voting methods by only supporting legislation that allow our state and local elections to use the best choices: STAR or Approval voting. HB 3250 STAR Voting for Oregon bill introduced by Rep. Zach Hudson, should reach the Senate later this session. This bill will offer the best voting method choice for Oregon.