

Our electoral processes do need improvement to reduce the spoiler effect and enable voters to vote their conscience rather than "the least offensive choice." But ample academic and practical evidence alike informs us that ranked choice voting is clearly an inferior choice compared to Score Then Automatic Runoff (STAR) Voting, as prescribed in HB 3250. Especially given that STAR Voting was developed right here in Oregon, AND it has a far better chance of leading to effective outcomes if enacted, why would we settle for an inferior system that has not performed as well in practice? If we're going to change our voting system, let's not be lazy and opt for the alternative choice that happens to have the most name recognition. Instead, let's give the most solid solution a solid chance, even if folks aren't quite as familiar with it. That would be STAR Voting.