

I'm opposed to SB343 unless it is amended to specifically include STAR voting and other voting methods such as Approval. As noted in my testimony on SB791, there are many well-studied problems with Ranked Choice Instant Runoff Voting (IRV) including exhausted ballots where some voters do not get a fair say in the final runoff, and the widely preferred 2nd-place candidate being eliminated in the first round. People want a simple preferential voting method where they can vote their honest opinion on every candidate, which RCV/IRV promises but cannot deliver. This needs to be investigated in the Task Force proposed by HB3241 or left open to better voting methods rather than narrowly defined to RCV.

Thanks,
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