

RE: Support HB 2004, Statewide Ranked Choice Voting,
Senate Committee on Rules

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Chair Lieber, Vice Chair Knopp, and members of the Senate
Committee on Rules,

My name is Robert DeLancey and I live in Portland. I am writing to testify in strong support for HB 2004, a referral to the 2024 ballot that would establish ranked choice voting for statewide and federal elections.

Implementing ranked-choice voting is essential to having open and honest discourse regarding politics and elections. The current system allows entrenched interests to shut out voices discussing new policies and solutions to our many problems.

Specifically, it would prevent the “spoiler effect,” which is often used to dishonestly portray any position other than those espoused by party A as in fact being equivalent to supporting the radical and/or dangerous party B.

If you have ever been concerned about a third-party spoiler leading to the other party winning, it is essential to pass this bill.

Thank you,
Robert DeLancey