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I am a firm believer that we need to do away with our current first-past-the-post/plurality system - among voting criteria, it is objectively the worst in most categories. However, ranked-choice voting is among the worst possible alternatives. Its "success" comes from momentum and money rather than results - not to mention all its shortfalls with exponential ballots, mandatory centralized tabulation (think rural Oregonians distrust elections now - wait until you tell them all their ballots have to go to Salem to be counted). There are simply better options that actually deliver on RCV's promises without the downfalls - such as STAR voting, currently working its way through the petition system here in Oregon.

Please do not support HB 2004. Don't waste the moment to finally adopt a better voting system picking the worst of many alternatives.