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In our current elections, candidates in crowded races are consistently winning with less than a majority. Over half of statewide and federal races with more than two candidates won with narrow support in Oregon's 2020 and 2022 primaries, leaving voters feeling like their vote didn't count and unable to fully express their preferences; this is detrimental to a democratic republic. Ranked choice voting leads to more reflective outcomes and better representation, a win-win for voters and candidates alike. By allowing voters to rank candidates in order of preference, candidates can run without fear of splitting the vote and voters are given more meaningful choices, creating results that reflect the true will of voters. Ranked choice voting encourages candidates from diverse backgrounds to run for office, and cities that have switched to ranked choice voting have seen more women, people of color, working class people, and young people not only run for office, but win. Please support this bill.