



June 20, 2023

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

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

Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony in strong support of House Bill 2004, a referral to the 2024 ballot that would establish ranked choice voting for statewide and federal elections if approved by voters.

My name is Sol Mora, and I am the Advocacy Director at the Coalition of Communities of Color (CCC), an alliance of culturally specific organizations dedicated to advancing racial justice.

At a time when voters are feeling demoralized and lack faith in our current election system, Oregon must take the next step as a leader in electoral reform to empower voters and provide more agency in how they vote. Across the United States, ranked choice voting has been proven to give women, people of color, working-class people, and youth a fairer shot to run for office and represent their communities, since candidates don't have to worry about the current spoiler effect. In the places that have adopted ranked choice voting, voters not only understand it - they overwhelmingly prefer it. Ranked choice voting is a win for voters, for candidates, and for the foundation of our democracy.

I want to uplift that Oregonians are ready for change to our elections, which will provide more incentive for them to participate. The coalition to pass House Bill 2004 is composed of dozens of organizations across Oregon invested in creating a more reflective democracy. From organizations that serve rural and tribal communities like the Rural Organizing Project and Tribal Democracy Project; to labor unions representing workers statewide like SEIU 503 and 49, AFSCME Council 75, AFT, and PCUN; to organizations representing communities of color like the Asian Pacific American Network of Oregon, the Native American Youth and Family Action Fund, the Latino Community Association, the Urban League of Portland, to organizations representing youth like Next Up Action Fund and good government groups like the League of Women Voters.

As you consider House Bill 2004, I urge you to weigh the organizational support behind this effort that is a mirror of thousands of Oregonians and help us create a more reflective, participatory, and effective democracy. Please support HB 2004 and give voters the opportunity to decide on this critical piece of legislation.

Thank you.

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