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Hi my name is Laura (age 41) and I am in opposition of this bill.

Voting is a yes/no, pass/no pass, this candidate/not this candidate exercise. Implementing the proposed algorithm will make an already difficult to count and report on system more complex and convoluted.

Should this pass, it will remove any remaining transparency in our electoral system and Oregon will continue to lose the public's trust in the governance of our state. I cannot imagine the public record request process when individuals ask to see how their vote was counted; which shouldn't even be something one has to consider. If I vote for John Doe, I should have confidence they received my vote without wondering if my vote was applied to someone else.

As a registered libertarian, I DO NOT want my vote transferred to one of the two big parties just because my candidate had no chance of winning. Perhaps that's why I am voting libertarian, to ensure my vote is giving attention to a non-democrat/non-republican candidate. Do not silence my vote by applying it to a different candidate.

Instead of implementing this change, commit the staff time and funding to improving our current electoral process to streamline and verify the awful mail in voting system. There is no reason it takes weeks to count votes and declare a winner when so many are submitting their vote before election day.

Honestly, I would welcome the return of in-person voting, with a declared holiday on voting day, to ensure all have availability to show up to vote.

This proposed weighted voting system removes honest participation from the public and erases their individual voice, replacing it with mass group think.