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On Behalf Of:
Committee: House Committee On Rules
Measure: HB2004

I do NOT support HB2004 or the upcoming bill SB506.

HB 2004- ELIMINATES ONE VOTE PER CITIZEN by authorizing cities, counties, metropolitan service districts and local government and local service districts to elect to use ranked-choice voting to nominate or elect candidates for relevant offices, and suppresses my first amendment right to free speech equal representation.

While Maine and Alaska (<https://thefederalist.com/2023/03/02/south-dakota-and-montana-join-states-seeking-to-ban-ranked-choice-voting/>) are currently the only two states that employ such a system, the results from their elections since implementing RCV have produced outcomes that contradict “THE WILL” of voters.

RCV is messy and ends up not representing “THE WILL” of the people. Also, the change to an RCV system is highly expensive and that expense will undoubtedly be PASSED on to Oregonians as another tax.

Further, the Oregon AG has openly admitted that the current electronic voting systems can be compromised, and vulnerable to attack (<https://www.larslaron.com/wp-content/uploads/2022/11/2022-04-14-Reply-ISO-Mtn-to-Intervene.pdf>), and the public court testimony that I was personally present for confirmed the wifi capability in our elections as stated from an Oregon Veteran Clerk (Mickie Kawai).

Why add more “electronic systems”, DOUBT and mechanics that are at question having no clear structure, transparency or process for forensic auditing?

It is unfortunately very difficult to get Oregon to be forthcoming and transparent about our election processes and procedures.

How can we trust our state to manage a new system that is as complicated and confusing as the proposed RCV voting structure. By reallocating votes, you will be SUPPRESSING CITIZENS VOTES and VOICE on who they chose to represent us and it's against the Constitution. The mere suggestion of these bills are a SLAP in the face to every Oregonian and continues in trampling on our RIGHTS!

NO RCV, further NO election MACHINES and mechanics, paper ballots HAND COUNTED ONLY. The people have spoken MANY times, when will Oregon representatives listen to their employer?

Govern yourself accordingly,
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