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I am opposed to this bill mainly because

- (1) there is as yet too little actual experience with RSV nationwide.
- (2) Our current system works fine. If it ain't broke don't fix it.
- 3) I worry that bad actors will figure out a way to game the system; especially if this Bill is hastily adopted without fair consideration of its pitfalls and potential pitfalls.
- 4) If you really want to do something helpful, introduce a bill that will increase voter turnout in primary and off-year elections.
- 5) I have searched for pros and cons about RSV and found several articles. Two conservative, one progressive and one neutral.

<https://thefga.org/research/ranked-choice-voting-a-disaster-in-disguise/>  
Foundation for Government Accountability is a right wing group that opposes RCV. They make some interesting points, in particular the problems with the complexity, for the average voter, of RCV process. and the problem of "exhausted" ballots.

Next

<https://congressionaldigest.com/pros-and-cons-of-ranked-choice-voting/>  
This article from Congressional Digest presents arguments from those in favor and against RCV. It is a neutral article in that it makes no decision about its preference.

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<https://sutherlandinstitute.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/04/The-Benefits-and-Drawbacks-of-Ranked-Choice-Voting-in-Utah-2022.pdf>  
I think this is the best article of all. It is out of the Sutherland Institute in Utah (conservative). It seems quite objective and studies RCV for both municipalities and statewide governments. What is interesting especially is that it shows how the pros and cons for RCV are different for municipalities and statewide elections. And it includes a scholarly literature review.

Finally

[https://www.oregonrcv.org/get-involved/?utm\\_source=search&utm\\_campaign=rcv&gclid=EAlaIQobChMIooHm\\_M3Z\\_QIVhgqtBh0d\\_gZSEAAAYASAAEgJpefD\\_BwE](https://www.oregonrcv.org/get-involved/?utm_source=search&utm_campaign=rcv&gclid=EAlaIQobChMIooHm_M3Z_QIVhgqtBh0d_gZSEAAAYASAAEgJpefD_BwE)  
This is from the Oregon coalition promoting HB 2004. I have to say, even the conservative advocacy groups at least acknowledged that there were pros to RCV.

This group? Not a single mention of the cons. Disingenuous at best.

Thank you.