

From: Elaine Woods
Committee: House Committee On Rules
Re: HB 3509

Honorable Chair Fahey, Vice-Chair Rep. Breese-Iverson, Vice-Chair Krpof, Rep. Nosse, Rep. Scharf, Rep. Valderrama, and Rep. Wallan:

I am writing in **OPPOSITION to HB 3509**, intending to implement Ranked Choice Voting, especially for the important elections for nonpartisan state offices, county and city offices, as well as selecting the winner of the nomination by major political parties for federal and state partisan office elections. The reason I oppose using Ranked Choice Voting for any purpose at all include:

- This is a needlessly complicated and confusing method of managing elections, taking weeks to figure out who are the winners of elections, using RCV.
- RCV eliminates our long-standing philosophy of “one person, one vote”.
- Election results do not give the winner of the most votes the winner of the final round of the election because of the method used in the multiple rounds of repeated voting.
- We should keep our the elections to the winners of each political party’s election, using the method of election chosen by the current method, or changed as each party sees fit.
- Ranked Choice Voting disenfranchises voters with its convoluted assessment of ranking candidates, keeping some and eliminating others. This process controls the results of elections according to the algorithms used by the Secretary of State’s computers.
- Any transparency and accountability of the election process will be eliminated.
- There will be no possibility of auditing the election for errors, as there will be no physical record to examine.
- It has been proven that the computers used in our elections are susceptible to wireless hacking, as stated by our current Oregon Attorney General.
- The process of mail-in ballots that is currently in use is definitely better than Ranked Choice Voting, but the most accurate, economical, and easily accountable method for our elections is in-person voting using paper ballots and counted physically in individual precincts.

I **OPPOSE HB 3509** for all these reasons and more, and urge you to **VOTE NO** on HB 3509.

Sincerely,

Elaine Woods