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I oppose adopting rank choice voting (RCV) for elections in Oregon based on the experience with RCV in other states. While RCV may offer some advantages over the current system in Oregon, Oregon should not adopt a voting/counting system with known flaws and vulnerabilities. My own review of the "STAR" alternative to RCV, and the experience of other jurisdictions with rudimentary RCV voting has led me to strongly favor STAR over RCV for fairness, safety, and simplicity. I hope that the committee will reach the same conclusions, and will so report to full house along with a recommendation that STAR voting, rather than an RCV model, be adopted for use in statewide elections.

I appreciate your work on this and the opportunity to provide input.