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My name is Alan Zundel and I live in Eugene, Oregon. Imagine that the 2022 Republican primary for Governor was held using ranked choice voting. In that race there were ten candidates who split the vote between them, with the top candidate getting 22.5% of the vote. Under the rules of ranked choice voting, there would be no winner in the first round of tabulation. The last place candidate would be eliminated and the votes retabulated.

In that scenario there could be up to eight rounds of tabulation. Now realize that any tabulation beyond the first round would require either that: (A) the counties wait for the result of each round before retabulating for the next round, (B) all the ballots be collected and tabulated in one location, or (c) every tabulation machine in the state to be provided with new and very complex software.

In the current atmosphere of distrust in election results, how many voters would feel confident in the results of such a process? And performing an audit of the results would be just as complicated.

I think the passage of HB 2004 would be a big mistake, especially given that there are simpler and better alternatives to reform our voting methods in Oregon.

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