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Hi, my name is Kyle, I am in my mid 20s and living Southern Oregon, and I'm writing in support of Ranked Choice Voting and HB 2004. Thanks to our time-tested vote by mail system, and our more recent automatic voter registration initiative with the DMV, Oregon already leads the way in ease of voting - and I believe it's time to take the next step and make it easier to vote for who you want to as well, without having to worry about the spoiler effect. Many younger voters often do not participate in elections, or choose to vote for candidates they know can't win simply out of principal, rather than voting strategically for the "least bad" candidate who can actually win, which is an unfortunately essential tactic under the current FPTP system. RCV has the potential to sway them into becoming more active with voting by allowing them to vote for potentially smaller candidates they believe in without necessarily "throwing away" their vote. Having people feel as though their choice is less restricted, and that their voice has more of a chance to be heard, eliminates a lot of the difficulties in decision making that I believe some people may face during election season. I believe RCV is the next logical step for Oregon's elections, and that will lead to better and more accurately representative elections. I am strongly in support.