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On Behalf Of:

Committee: House Committee On Rules

Measure, Appointment or Topic: HJR3

Anything that inhibits, undermines, or suffocates the Initiative Petition ballot system and reduces its ability to fairly bring voice, expression, and will of the public, and to do so in a balanced and practical way, should not be allowed. The Initiative Petition system should be protected, held in balance, and made to be easy for the public to utilize.

It has been noted and clarified that:

HJR 3 would require that the current signature requirements (basically 6% of voters for statutory measure and 8% of voters for constitutional amendment measure) be met in each of Oregon's 37 counties, thus giving Wheeler County or Sherman County (etc.) veto over all statewide ballot measures.

And that It also has a phony "eye candy" provision that prohibits anyone who is not an Oregon voter from making any contributions to support or oppose ballot measures in Oregon "to the extent limitations on contributions described in this subsection are permitted under the Constitution of the United States." The United States Supreme Court has never allowed limits on contributions to support or oppose ballot measures. It has consistently struck down all such limits since 1978 by decisive majorities. This provision was added so that the ballot title would say "limits campaign contributions," when in fact it would not limit campaign contributions--because they would get struck down immediately.