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On Behalf Of: Self
Committee: House Committee On Rules
Measure, Appointment or Topic: HJR3

To the Honorable Members of the House Committee on Rules:

I oppose HJR 3 and recommend that you vote NO on this bill.

It is vital that we preserve Oregon's existing initiative process.

I oppose changes proposed and ask that you leave the ballot qualifying process the way it exists that has served Oregon voters well for decades.

Pls. do not limit voter ability to place issues on the ballot relevant to the citizenry.

These anomalous modifications are unacceptable and erroneous changes to our legacy law.

As worded, HJR 3 would specify that current signature requirements, about 6% of voters for statutory measure; 8% for Constitutional amendment measure, be met in each of Oregon's 37 counties.

This non sequitur clause would not reflect the statewide populace as one or more counties could deprive the whole state of an opportunity for robust transparent discussion and subsequent vote of the people. I was incredulous reading that proposed change!

RE money donations: The United States Supreme Court has never allowed limits on contributions to support or oppose ballot measures, consistently striking down limits since 1978 by decisive majorities.

Oregon is one of only half of the states that have an initiative or referendum process by which citizens may influence public policy.

Thank you for respecting the will of Oregonians by retaining due process initiated by earlier adopter Oregon in 1902.

Not many initiatives have been drafted recently; now is not the time to alter historical paths open to Oregonians to affect public policy via the existing cherished law.

Thank you for your careful consideration.

Vote NO on HJR 3.