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As a lifelong progressive senior citizen, I believe in majority rule, NOT minority rule. This Bill would enshrine minority rule in ballot initiatives by enabling a dissenting county to, in effect, veto a ballot measure simply because its residents would not be happy if the measure eventually became law. They would deny the residents of many, perhaps even all, other counties the opportunity make their voices heard. This is NOT Democracy!

The bill also includes, perhaps as a distraction, a meaningless provision placing limits on contributions from non-citizens of Oregon. Such limitations have been attempted before and have always been struck down by the Supreme Court and would be again.

In summary, I strongly oppose HJR 3.