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Chair and Committee Members,

I STRONLY OPPOSE this bill. In this past election, the people of Oregon said ABSOLUTELY NO to ranked-choice voting. This bill "strategic voting" is yet just another way for the weakest candidate in the opposing party's primary to increase their own party's chances in the General Election. This bill makes voting manipulation far too easy. We should not be trying to make voting easier to manipulate the people's choices. If Non-Affiliated voters want a say in a primary election, (which many of them choose not to because they do not want to be engaged in politics), it's very easy to go online and change their party affiliation to do so through the Oregon Secretary of State's website. Non-affiliated voters typically are not very well informed and that is the main reason there is significantly lower voter turnout of Non-Affiliated voters even in General Elections.

As stated above, the Oregon Secretary of State's MyVote website makes it an easy process to change a party affilation. It's very fast and easy to do. It literally takes 2-3 minutes at the most. A person can even switch back to being Non-Affiliated after the primary if they so choose.

To ensure our elections reflect the true will of the people, I urge you to OPPOSE this bill.

Thank you.