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Nope! For starters, the bill is a whopping 41 pages long! No election system should be so complicated it takes 41 pages to detail. No bill that long should even pass through the legislature.

2. Open primaries hinder healthy competition among parties, weaken the connection between parties and their candidates, and invite election manipulation by running candidates strategically in opposing parties and having voters in one party cast votes for weaker candidates in opposing parties to get them into the final five. If people want to vote in the primaries, there are two options: one, they can join one of the major political parties by the registration deadline, vote in the primary, and then either stay with that political party or change their status to whichever party they want to after the election; or two, we can change the laws so that every recognized party in the state is included in the primaries.

3. Section 40 of this bill re-introduces Ranked Choice Voting, which Oregonians said NO to in November 2024:

SECTION 40. (1) Notwithstanding ORS 254.065, all general elections for voter choice offices must be conducted by a method that enables each voter to assign multiple rankings or multiple ratings to candidates for each office, with the winner or winners to be determined by means of automatic runoff calculations that do not require electors to cast additional ballots.
(2) The Secretary of State shall establish by rule the method described in subsection (1) of this section.

This is clearly Ranked Choice Voting, which was soundly defeated in the November 2024 Oregon General Election. Measure 117 was defeated 58%-42%. Oregonians are clearly strongly opposed to this convoluted, manipulation-vulnerable system of voting where only un-auditable machines can count the votes, where you're forced to cast votes for people you may not want to, and if you don't or if you don't understand that you have to do that, your vote doesn't count in subsequent rounds if your top choice gets eliminated in the first round.

Let bill 3166 die. It has no place in Oregon.