

LET VOTERS VOTE

IP 55 & 56, KULONGOSKI (D) KAZA (I), HELT (R)
BILLS HJR 201 (IP-55) & SB 1592 (IP-56)



WHY THIS REFORM IS NEEDED



1 FAIR REPRESENTATION.

Currently, 1.1 million Oregon voters cannot vote in taxpayer-funded primary elections. Only major party members can vote and compete in state-funded primaries for U.S. Congress, Governor, Secretary of State, State Treasurer, Attorney General, and 90 Legislators.

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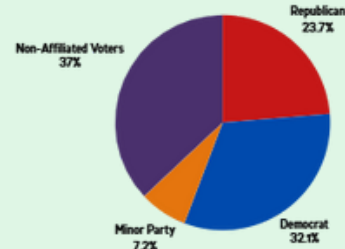
2 MORE ACCOUNTABILITY

Oregon's closed primary elections are decided by a small percentage of voters, so elected officials are not accountable to most voters.

3 GROWING NONAFFILIATED VOTERS

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Oregon's largest group of voters, outnumbering Democrats (34%) and Republicans (24%), but they cannot vote in primaries for our state's most important representatives,



HOW THIS REFORM WILL IMPACT OREGON



INCREASE VOTER TURNOUT

Nonaffiliated voters are the largest voting bloc in 21 of Oregon's 36 counties & in 5 of 6 U.S. House districts with 74% of Oregonians supporting open primaries.

DHM Research 9/2025 poll.



DECREASE POLARIZATION

With nonaffiliated voters growing almost 2x since 2014, from 600,000 to 1.1 million, the largest population across Oregon remains unrepresented in the candidate selection process during the primaries. Opening primaries to all voters will provide a more reflective and accurate election of Oregonian values.

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Led by bipartisan leaders

Voters Fairness Act Co-Petitioners:
Ted Kulongoski (D), Andrew Kaza (I), Cheri Helt (R))

How it works:

- Allows all registered voters to vote in taxpayer-funded primary elections.
- Enfranchises over 1.1 million Oregon voters who currently cannot vote in decisive primaries for important statewide offices.
- Top 2+ candidates receiving the most votes in the primary advance to the general election.
 - + Any political party may opt-out of primary & nominate to general election *at their own expense*
 - + Nonaffiliated candidates can qualify for the general election by collecting signatures.
- Candidates may display up to 3 legitimate party endorsements next to their names on the ballot, providing important information to voters.
- Elects leaders who are accountable to broader coalitions of voters.

In the Press and Endorsements

"Multipartisan effort aims to open Oregon's primaries through ballot initiative in 2026"

Former governor, ex-state lawmaker and Independent Party leader team up to open Oregon primaries
Oregon Capital Chronicle 10/23/2025

"Oregon open primary initiative would let all participate"

Oregon Capital Insider 10/30/25

"New push to open primaries to all voters"

Central Oregon Daily News 10/27/25



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