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Oregon Progressive Party Position on Bill at 2015 Session of Oregon Legislature:

Support: HB 3297

Dear Committee:

The Oregon Progressive Party officially supports HB 3297, which would enact a conventional fusion voting system in place of the semi-fusion system adopted by the Oregon Legislature in 2009.

A conventional fusion system provides a separate ballot line for each nomination, even if a candidate receives more than one nomination for the same office. This allows voters to express their candidate preferences and their party preferences at the same time. It also provides more accurate information to candidates and the public about the thoughts and positions of voters on the issues. For example, if a candidate were to receive more votes on the Progressive line than on the Democratic line, it would be clear that voters are aligning with the Progressive Party on the issues of the day.

Please include this statement in the legislative record for this bill.

Thank you.

Oregon Progressive Party

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