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ATTN: Senate Committee on Rules

Chair Burdick & Members of the Committee,

My name is Sal Peralta. I am testifying on behalf of the Independent Party of Oregon and its 120,000 members in favor of SJR 38, which proposes the referral of a Constitutional Amendment that legislation that includes an Emergency Clause be passed by a 2/3rds majority..

In recent years, the Emergency Clauses has been used with increasing frequency by the majority party to deny public referenda on controversial legislation. We see this as an unconstitutional abridement of the public's right to use the referendum as a check on legislative authority and agree that the Oregon Constitution should be amended in the manner proposed by this bill.

Sincerely,

Sal Peralta
Secretary, Independent Party of Oregon