



Chair Hovey and members of the Committee

I STRONGLY OPPOSES SB 870 – National Popular Vote

I count it my constitutional duty to OPPOSE the National Popular Vote Compact, and it is your constitutional oath that dictates that you oppose it too.

I have found that the general public has bought into the notion that "every vote counts" that is a marketing ploy for the National Popular Vote. But, that is not true under the Compact. The public is willfully ignorant of how the Compact dictates our voting outcome.

Oregon has been known for its individualism and separation from the pack. Informed Oregonians would never agree to give away every vote in Oregon to a Compact that will determine our Electoral vote for us. If Oregon is lumped into a Compact with California or any state with more voting power than we have, we would never have our votes counted because larger states would dictate the vote. I don't call that as "every vote counts" nor would any Oregonian if they knew what this bill does.

Oregon Constitution, Article I, Section 1. Natural rights inherent in people. We declare that all men, when they form a social compact are equal in right: ... This compact does not give Oregonians equal rights. Nor does it meet the requirements of Article II, Section 1. Elections free. All elections shall be free and equal.

This bill violates the constitution by forbidding voters their equal right as established in the Electoral College. The Electoral College weighs every vote so smaller states are weighted more than larger populated states giving Oregonians a 1.3 vote value compared to New York's 1.0 vote value. This bill provides for joining a compact with more populated states, meaning that when joined with California, Oregonians forfeits our vote value advantage taking away our voter sovereignty yielding to the popular votes of California and any other more populated state.

This bill in essence gives away Oregon's votes to the more populated states dictating how the votes are cast at the Electoral College. Don't give away our sovereignty to

vote as a state. Please vote NO and preserve our independent sovereignty assuring the highest vote value possible in the Electoral College.

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