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Oregon Progressive Party Position on Bill at 2019 Session of Oregon Legislature:

SB 226 -2 : Oppose

Dear Committee:

The Oregon Progressive Party and Independent Party of Oregon (IPO) oppose the -2 amendment.

SB 226 as introduced would have accomplished:

- Permits minor political parties to choose to nominate candidates for particular offices as part of state-sponsored primary election.
- Amends requirements for status as major and minor political party.
- Permits major political party and minor political party to adopt rule permitting nomination of candidate who has not been member of party for at least 180 days.
- Lowers to 200 number of signatures required for candidate nominating petitions.
- Permits minor political party to nominate replacements for vacancy in certain offices.
- Requires person who wishes to be nominated or elected to public office by write-in votes to file declaration of write-in candidacy, and attest that person is legally qualified for office, by certain time on date of election.
- Permits county clerk to tally votes before filing officer makes determination of qualification of write-in candidate.

- Repeals post-election process required to issue certification of nomination or election to person nominated or elected by write-in votes.

It was the result of many days of consultation by Secretary of State Dennis Richardson, his staff, and interested parties. It was supported by the Secretary of State and by the Oregon Progressive Party, the Independent Party of Oregon, the Working Families Party, and the Libertarian Party of Oregon, all of which submitted testimony in favor of it. There was no testimony against it.

The -2 amendment deletes the entire bill and replaces it with new legislation about the disincorporation of the City of Damascus. I respectfully request that the Committee find a different vehicle for that and move the original SB 226 to the floor.

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