

I believe how the Oregon constitution is written now needing a 2/3 majority present to vote on bills is how it should stay. This helps keep a checks and balance and is a way to protect from abuse of power. Super majority rule of either party is what hurts our state. When the house, senate, governor is all of one majority party, as it is now, this is the only way that a minority is protected against abuse of power. Denying quorum is not an easy decision to make. It is a last resort strategy that both parties have used.

When there is supermajority, like there is now with the democrat power, there seems to be more terrible policies that flourish, and legislation that can advance unchecked. There seems to be less balance and compromise, and true team work and bipartisanship. That is not good for our state and leaves the minority party without a voice, more power of abuse and division. Because of this the 2/3 majority rule, as it is now, is a way to be heard, to try to get compromises back on the table and true work being done. It is a way to potentially stop abuse of power and legislature being rammed through, and is a way to stand up to one sided politics when there is a super majority.

Please leave the Oregon constitution alone and leave the 2/3 majority present rule as it is now, in place.