

Dear Members of the Senate Committee on Rules,

I strongly object to any attempt at removing the quorum requirement from the legislative process. This requirement is a unique provision in the Oregon Constitution - placed there to protect the interests of the minority, and to prevent the "mob rule" which we're currently experiencing. Without the quorum requirement, conservatives in this state will have NO VOICE on critical issues such as Cap and Trade, or potential infringements on our Second Amendment rights. I'm sure that there is confidence among the Democrats in the Legislature that they will always be in the majority; however, nothing is guaranteed . . . If Democrats one day end up in the minority, they may rue ever having considered the elimination the quorum requirement.

Please reject this proposal without further consideration.

Thank You,

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