

Dear Chair Wagner, Vice-Chair Girod and Senators Burdick, Manning and Thatcher,

I writing to encourage you to include STAR (Score then Automatic Runoff) voting in any legislation you pass. Unlike ranked choice voting, which performs almost as poorly as our current plurality voting method, multiple studies have proven STAR to be an excellent voting method. Unlike ranked choice voting, STAR voting:

- Eliminates the spoiler effect
- Uses all ballot data
- Has no exhausted ballots
- Is precinct summable for greater transparency
- Provides great data on relative voter support for candidates
- Won't harm a candidate by scoring them higher

Here are links to three studies comparing voting methods:

<https://electionscience.github.io/vse-sim/VSEbasic/>
<http://votesim.usa4r.org/spatial5dim/spatial5dim.html>
<http://sites.gallets.org/election-sim/irv-vs-star/>

Thank you for your time and service to our state.

Sincerely,

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