



SUPPORT: SB 791

Oregon Ranked Choice Voting Advocates, (OR-RCV) a nonpartisan, nonprofit organization dedicated to diversity and democracy, urges a “do pass” recommendation for SB 791.

Ranked Choice Voting creates more reflective democracy

- RCV was used to elect the first woman & first Asian-American mayor of Oakland, CA
- RCV has produced the most diverse Board of Supervisors in San Francisco history
- RCV has diversified the Minneapolis City Council

Ranked Choice Voting improves elections

- RCV has produced more civil and less negative campaigns
- RCV encourages candidates to reach out to all communities & constituencies
- RCV fosters more issue-oriented campaigns

Ranked Choice Voting is tested and widely accepted

- RCV has been in the Oregon Constitution since 1908 (Article II, Sec. 16)
- RCV is used in Benton County
- RCV is used statewide in Maine and voters in Alaska approved RCV for statewide use
- RCV is used in Oakland, San Leandro, Berkeley, and San Francisco, California
- RCV is used to elect the president of Ireland
- RCV is used to elect the national legislature of Australia
- RCV is used in St. Paul and Minneapolis, Minnesota
- RCV is used for military and overseas voters from 4 states
- RCV is used for presidential primaries in Wyoming, Alaska, Hawaii and Kansas
- Millions of voters will use RCV this year in New York City
- A diverse, community-based coalition supports RCV in Oregon

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