



STAR VOTING

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Recommendations for the OR 2021 Legislative Session

- ★ **HB 3250 (Hudson)** Establishes STAR Voting as the default voting method for the State of Oregon. Eliminates primaries for non-partisan elections.
Comments: Best case scenario for Oregon voting reform!
Recommendation: Pass! Endorse at 5 stars! ★ ★ ★ ★ ★
- ★ **HB 3248 (Hudson)** Permits counties, cities and districts to adopt alternative forms of voting for county, city and district elections. Creates program for the state to help with adoption costs.
Comments: Adoption costs would be lower for STAR Voting or Approval than RCV.
Recommendation: Amend to include STAR Voting explicitly. ★ ★ ★ ★
- ★ **HB 3241 (Hudson)** Establishes Task Force on Alternative Voting Methods.
Comments: With many options on the table it's critical to get voting reform policy right. If there isn't time to give STAR, Approval and RCV due consideration this session, a task force should be commissioned to do that deep dive.
Recommendation: Pass. Endorse at 5 stars. ★ ★ ★ ★ ★
- **HB 2678 (Rayfield) and SB 791 (Dembrow)** Both bills establish Ranked Choice Voting as default voting method for nonpartisan offices in the State of Oregon.
Comments: This version of Ranked Choice (IRV) has been shown to promise more than it delivers. Modern proposals like Approval, STAR, or ranked methods which eliminate vote-splitting would better accomplish the same goals.
Recommendation: Do not pass.
- **SB 343 (Golden)** Creates program for the state to help with RCV adoption costs. Declares emergency. Permits counties to adopt Ranked Choice Voting.
Comments: Excludes voting methods like STAR and Approval that deliver more at less cost. Title is misleading- Alternative voting is already permitted in Oregon.
Recommendation: Pass HB3248 instead or amend to include STAR and Approval, to remove emergency, and to clarify intent in title.
- **HB 2686 (Rayfield)** Requires that any voting machine or vote tally system approved by Secretary of State must be compatible with elections conducted by Ranked Choice voting and any other form of voting that has been used within previous 10 years in any federal, state or local election in United States.
Comments: Some methods in use, including Single Transferable Vote, could be much more expensive than methods proposed currently in Oregon.
Recommendation: Amend to include STAR Voting, Approval, and any method adopted in Oregon.
- ★ **HB 3247 (Hudson)** Establishes Approval voting as default voting method for the State of Oregon.
Comments: If STAR Voting were off the table, Approval voting offers a good stepping stone reform which keeps doors open for future reforms.
Recommendation: Pass if STAR Voting does not pass. ★ ★ ★