

I OPPOSE SB 343 unless it is amended to include STAR voting (see HB 3250. Ranked Choice Voting is an oversold and outdated proposal which wastes votes and doesn't work well in competitive elections. It has a long history of being passed and then repealed. Peer reviewed studies show that it can result in spoilers in 15% of elections or more, and on average over 10% of ballots are not counted in the deciding round. The number of wasted votes is consistently higher for communities of color. Studies show only marginal improvement in outcomes compared to the current primary and general election system, (RCV and the current system came in 41st and 42nd respectively in one study comparing voting methods.) Modern election science has moved on. STAR Voting is RCV 2.0.

I am thrilled that the Oregon legislature is dealing with this issue this session. I just hope that you will take the time to study the limitations of RCV and choose STAR!

Some articles to explain my position:

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<https://mainepolicy.org/project/false-majority/>

https://escholarship.org/content/qt8tm3s6hz/qt8tm3s6hz_noSplash_a5e40f23074e40a0b8a0be92279918ae.pdf

<https://www.equal.vote/science>

Thank you!!