

In opposition to SB 791 and SB 343; in favor of HB 3250 and especially, HB 3241

1. It is undemocratic, negligent, irresponsible, and morally evil to continue use of the status quo first-to-the-post, plurality-based voting system in the face of all its documented severe flaws, when substantially better alternatives are available.
2. There is no excuse to choose a voting system that is NOT documented by **voting science** to perform best among voting system alternatives in meeting the **comprehensive criteria** for good voting systems.
3. It is just plain wrong to choose a voting system because its proponents have massed support to crowd to the front of the line.
4. Don't rush to choose Oregon's next voting system. Change will be lifetime consequential, jarring and confusing, and properly preparing all voters to accept and understand such change must be planned.
5. Don't straddle the fence. Asking voters to contend with multiple systems and running different systems in different jurisdictions will cause substantial confusion and damage voter confidence in voting overall and discourage many citizens from voting. Likewise, asking voters to potentially graduate from one big voting system change to another over a period of years will cause the same substantial confusion and damage voter confidence in voting overall and discourage many citizens from voting.
6. Don't dally. Oregonians deserve a responsible, timely resolution of this challenge. Continuing the wrong continues the damage. We can endure using the status quo short-term as the legislature ensures the most responsible and effective path to choose, and then implement, the best voting system based on voting science.
7. Oregon can do this. Oregon has a history of leading the nation with cutting edge solutions. Be bold.