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The proposal to change a quorum from $2/3$ of the members to a majority of the members is a lowering of the bar to provide a proper representation of the entire state in order to conduct business. The $2/3$ majority was adopted as part of the Constitution and this proposed change is not based on a ground swell of demands from the citizens of the state but is an attempt to eliminate the fair representation of all the citizens of the state. This will create a situation where a single party can force a change when the a significant portion of the state is frozen out of the decision process. The use of a $2/3$ majority is a long held standard of both the State of Oregon and the United States Legislature. With the ability to do business with a simple majority, the policies of the state will swing back and forth and stability will be lost. For the good of the entire population of Oregon I ask that this resolution be stopped now.