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My husband and I DO NOT SUPPORT THIS BILL - This bill ELIMINATES ONE VOTE PER CITIZEN by authorizing cities, counties, metropolitan service districts and local government and local service districts to elect to use ranked-choice voting to nominate or elect candidates for relevant offices. Under ranked-choice voting, voters rank candidates in order of preference. If no candidate receives a majority of first-choice votes in the first round of voting, the last-place finisher is eliminated, and his votes are reallocated to the voter's second-choice candidate. This process continues until one candidate receives a majority of votes.

RCV is messy and ends up not representing the will of the people. Also, the change to an RCV system is highly expensive and that expense will undoubtedly be passed on to Oregonians as another tax. Further, the Oregon AG has openly admitted that the current electronic voting systems are hackable. Why add more electronic systems that are hackable and have no clear structure or process for forensic auditing? After All, they couldn't keep our DMV information from recently being hacked, so how can they possibly believe that a ranked electronic voting system will be safe and transparent? How can we trust them to manage a new system that is as complicated and confusing as the proposed RCV voting structure?

We are strongly against this HB 2004!