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On Behalf Of:
Committee: Senate Committee On Rules
Measure: HB2004

I strongly support HB2004, which could greatly improve voting in Oregon by authorizing a vote on Ranked Choice Voting. RCV would provide:

an efficient way to choose among multiple options (Oregon has 3 major parties, and 8 ballot-qualified parties);

freedom for Oregon voters to choose their most-preferred candidate, without worrying about perverse effects (the spoiler effect);

officeholders with majority support (even if some of it may be second choices).

Two other states, some cities, and Benton County have already proven the practicality of Ranked Choice Voting, but Oregon still has the chance to be a leader in election reform. Please help put this opportunity before the voters.

Sincerely,
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