

Submitter: Donna Champeau  
On Behalf Of: HB2004  
Committee: Senate Committee On Rules  
Measure: HB2004

RE: Support HB 2004, Statewide Ranked Choice Voting,  
Senate Committee on Rules  
June 20, 2023

Chair Lieber, Vice Chair Knopp, and members of the Senate Committee on Rules,

My name is Donna Champeau and I live in Rickreall Oregon. I am writing to testify in strong support for HB 2004, a referral to the 2024 ballot that would establish ranked choice voting for statewide and federal elections.

Our current voting system can hurt both voter and candidate. Voters want to be heard and ranked voting will allow that to happen. Maybe they won't get their first choice but ranked voting gives them more choice and power to have some say in who is elected without splitting the vote. This is hard for persons wanting to run for election as well. They don't want to be a cause for splitting voters support. With ranked voting persons can vote for the best candidate for them and not necessarily the candidate that is viewed as the one that could win.

We need ways to empower voters that lead them to take part in the democratic process. I know from my background in the behavioral sciences that making people feel as though they have a voice will encourage participation. In this time of such a divided government I want to be proud of our elections again. Government seems to look for ways to use change for only party-centric ideals. We need to bring it back to the people and listen to them. Ranked voting will give the people the power to have a voice that counts.

I am not alone in the support for this Bill. People are tired of not being heard and as a result are finding it harder to participate in their constitutional right to vote. Please support this effort to give the constituents of Oregon a bigger part in the Democratic process.

Thank you,

Donna Champeau  
Rural resident and Farmer in the Willamette Valley