

**To: House Rules Committee**  
**From: Kate Titus, Common Cause Oregon**  
**Re: Right to Fish, Hunt... (HJR 5)**  
**Date: February 3, 2023**

**Common Cause**

Common Cause is a nonpartisan organization that works for open, honest, accountable government. We are 1.5 million Americans – including roughly 30,000 Oregonians – working together to realize the unfinished promise of democracy.

**Concern about this measure**

From a democracy perspective, this bill raises concerns:

- First, it's not clear that this proposal was negotiated with the tribal governments that have a shared interest and greater claim to hunting, fishing, and gathering rights on Oregon lands.
- Second, it appears that this constitutional amendment would take away Oregonians' right to exercise their direct voice through the initiative process?