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The House Rules Committee  
HB 2004

I support Rank Choice Voting.

However, I strongly recommend we amend the House Bill 2004 to include the following three sentences:

*Rank Choice Voting would abolish traditional primaries and have all candidates run on a single Primary ballot regardless of party.*

*The top **four** finishers would advance to the General election regardless of their party affiliation for federal and state partisan offices and the General election would use Rank Choice Voting to select the winner.*

*In addition, a top four finisher would need to exceed 2% of the total votes in their Primary election to move into the General election.*

Your goal should be in establishing straightforward mechanics for a Rank Choice type of election.

This unique Rank Choice Voting model solves many negative issues that have occurred in other jurisdictions.

Rationale exists for each part of the model.

This model produces elections that are straightforward to execute and will yield tabulations that are quick and uncomplicated.

This is very similar to the Alaskan model except for the 2% threshold requirement.

It has been reported that Alaska created their election process and software for \$4.1 million.

(This may give you a ballpark idea for the cost.)

Everyone can participate in the Primary and gets a single vote in each race.

Likewise, everyone can participate in the General Election and use Rank Choice Voting to select the winner.

This amendment to HB 2004 will simplify Rank Choice Voting for the citizens of Oregon.

When we move to Rank Choice Voting, we need to be successful immediately.

With enthusiasm,

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Who is this guy?

I've been researching and studying Rank Choice Voting for several years.

I am a retired High school and Collegiate educator.

I have graduate degrees in Math and Physics.