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I do not support HB2004 or the upcoming bill SB506. No Ranked-Choice Voting System in Oregon!

Why is ranked voting necessary unless someone is looking to game the system? Ranked choice voting will separate voters from the issues that are front and center when there is one vote for a candidate. The system is complicated and time and time again a candidate that doesn't even make it in the top majority of votes ends up winning because other votes are "exhausted" or not counted because the voter neglected to rank all the candidates or failed to stay engaged or rank the final two. It is a complicated system that makes me suspicious of fraud and deception in a system that is already fraught with integrity problems. Electronic systems are hacked all of the time. Why offer another way to potentially cheat?

Run-off elections are the best and most fair way to narrow the field if necessary, yet allow voters to be informed and make sure that the winner is truly the will of the majority of the people.

Please- keep the system transparent and honor the one-vote per citizen system that is traditional in our country.