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On Behalf Of:

Committee: House Committee On Rules

Measure: HB2004

I oppose HB2004 Rank Choice Voting.

•   Rank Choice Voting (RCV) makes voting confusing and disenfranchising to the voter. It forces a person to vote for people they wouldn't otherwise. It encourages parties to run multiple candidates to ensure multiple rounds of voting. It takes away the voter's voice by removing their one vote. It is supported by left-wing groups who fundamentally want to change the way we vote in America.

•   RCV will take this state further in the wrong direction. In a time we need to ensure fair and transparent elections, RCV will muddy the process making it impossible to determine what is free and fair. Many people will be deterred from voting because of the complexity.

•   California recently had a huge error in a RCV in a county race and declared the wrong winner. Both liberals and conservatives were very unhappy with the process and outcome of the RCV there. Alaska's 2022 midterm elections did not represent the voice of the people due to their use of RCV. We do not want to become like Alaska and Maine who use RCV statewide!

•   RCV ensures we will not know a winner for weeks and weeks. I say NO to RCV because I do not want our elections process further drawn out.

•   At best, RCV puts a mediocre second-place candidate as winner. At worst it steals the voter's vote and voice. Do not implement RCV in Oregon. Vote NO.