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Committee: House Committee On Rules
Measure: HB2004

I strongly oppose both HB2004 and HB3509. These bills would do great harm to Oregonians ability to vote their consciences and to have confidence that their vote would be counted in a fair and impartial manner.

Ranked choice voting is the form of voting most subject to political manipulation and other shady shenanigans that mute the voices of Oregonians. Voting should always be one citizen, one vote. Period.

Ranked choice voting makes the process more difficult to understand and more obscure to voters. Voters including the infirm elderly, the imprisoned, the poorly educated, and the poorly informed would be especially subject to manipulation by bad actors if not allowed a straightforward vote for a single candidate of their choice.

The ballot counting process of ranked choice voting would be far more likely to provoke voter mistrust. As ballots would be evaluated by computers sometimes multiple times, ranked choice voting would be more vulnerable to fraud and programmer interference. Both would be more difficult to trace.

In addition, ranked choice voting slows the release of election results, creating more and more doubt about the trustworthiness of elections in Oregon. That is the last thing Oregon needs given the current climate of mistrust in our election process.

Please vote no on HB2004 and HB3509. Say an emphatic NO to ranked choice voting.