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On Behalf Of:
Committee: House Committee On Rules
Measure: HB2004

I support HB 2004, which would change most federal and statewide elections in Oregon to use ranked choice voting and would support localities that opt for ranked choice voting.

Ranked choice voting benefits Oregon voters in many ways, including empowering voters to vote for their true favorites and helping winners truly have majority support of the voters. Ranked choice voting helps avoid “spoiler candidates” from splitting the vote against the majority’s truly preferred top candidate, as happened in Oregon’s 1990 election for Governor. Independent Al Mobley sheared off 13 percent of the vote, likely from voters who otherwise would have supported Republican Dave Frohnmayer, leading to the election of Democrat Barbara Roberts with the support of only 46 percent of voters.

Oregonians deserve to vote for their true favorite and to have elected officials who have earned the support of a true majority of the state’s residents. Ranked choice voting is a proven strategy to achieve this.

Ranked choice voting gives voters more choice and more power.