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I wholeheartedly support ranked choice voting in Oregon because it will give all voters more agency when it comes time to choose our President, members of Congress, and Governor.

Oregon is already one of the best states to vote in. With automatic voter registration, all-mail ballots, and multilingual voter pamphlet resources, we're well accustomed to being at the front of the pack and showing others the way towards an inclusive and accessible democracy for everyone. Ranked choice voting is the logical next step, allowing us to vote our conscious without fear that our favorite candidate in a race isn't strategically the best choice. If my top choice comes in last place and is eliminated, I can rest assured that my ballot will automatically be counted for my next choice. This eliminates the troublesome dynamic of so-called "spoiler" candidates and produces results that voters will be much more satisfied with.

It takes some time to implement voting changes, so the best thing to do is to take action on HB 2004 right away, and make sure that we waste no time in adopting this best-practice to make Oregon's democracy even better. All voters in every corner of the state will thank you.