

Submitter: Jennifer Krauel

Committee: House Committee On Rules

Measure: HB3593

Dear Honored Rules Committee members:

Please **OPPOSE** HB 3593.

First and foremost I would like to share my growing impatience to see action taken on Bills which relate to Campaign Finance Reform (HB 2003, HB 2693, HB 3455, SB 162, SB 258, SB 500...). In 2020 nearly 80% of Oregonian voters demanded to see reform, and our leadership has dragged it's feet ever since (dragged is actually too kind as at least then you are still making some progress). Even despite our governor claiming to consider it a top 3 priority, all proposed bills relating to campaign finance reform have taken a back seat to comparatively trivial issues like the "State Vegetable" and this bureaucratic reformatting of voter ballots. If this congress truly wants to level the playing field for smaller parties it would do so by heading the overwhelming outcry of 80% of Oregon voters.

In addition to not nearly being comparatively worth the committee's precious legislative time/resources, I also have a few concerns with this bill specifically...

1. How would this work should we ever institute a voting system like rank choice voting? Candidates supported by different parties could receive different ranking from understandably confused voters, or our vote counting machines would need to be smart enough to handle multiple #1 rankings.
2. During the 2020 election¹ Florida republicans intentionally confused voters by propping up a fake candidate for a state senate seat which shared the same last name as the Democratic candidate (Rodriguez) which led to a 3-way race... the fake candidate successfully siphon votes from the Democrat leading to GOP candidate winning the seat. Now just imagine the same thing happening, but now Rodriguez shows up even more by party!
3. Repeating the same candidate for the same position would be a waist of expensive printer ink, and valuable ballot space. By all means include the fact that the candidate represents both/multiple parties but leave out the redundancy! Are people voting for a candidate or a party?

In conclusion please quickly oppose this bill and please move on to what 80% of Oregonians have been demanding for at least the last 3 years!

Thank you,

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¹ <https://apnews.com/article/miami-senate-elections-florida-elections-e8b70ce3270bd170e37a71ca80b5aaae>