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This bill is absolutely uncalled for and shouldn't even be considered. The voters of Oregon have the right afforded by our State Constitution to vote for and place our Senators and all other legislative positions. Under no circumstances should the Governor circumvent the right of our people to vote. There is a process to hold a special election.

If a Senator leaves their seat prior to the end of their term there should be a special election held immediately after opening it up for candidates to fill it. The governor shouldn't simply fill the position thereby creating an incumbent position to beat. Open positions should be treated the same and candidates apply to run. That is our process and we shouldn't stray from our process by giving added power and control to the governor and thereby furthering the gap between government and the voting population