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Measure, Appointment or Topic: HJR3

Hi!

HJR 3 is, IMHO, slightly misguided. Initiatives should be easier to get on the ballot NOT harder.

Some recent history of initiatives:

This data below is from SOS and does not include referrals just initiatives.

	# checked out	# on ballot
2010 - 83		4
2012 45		7
2014 59		4
2016 82		4
2018 45		4
2020 68		2
2022 57		2
2024 55		2

That says that less than 6% of the checked out initiatives even got to the ballot.

We need to work making it easier to get things on the ballot not making more difficult.

Please consider lowering the number of signatures needed to get on the ballot to:

ORS changes to 50K

Constitutional changes to 100K

Even if you don't follow my suggestion to lower, this bill is misguided and will definitely harm the initiative process.

Thanks for listening!

All the best,
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