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On Behalf Of:

Committee: House Committee On Rules

Measure, Appointment or Topic: HJR11

Anything that inhibits, undermines, or suffocates the Initiative Petition ballot system and reduces its ability to fairly bring voice, expression, and will of the public, and to do so in a balanced and practical way, should not be allowed. The Initiative Petition system should be protected, held in balance, and made to be easy for the public to utilize.

It has been noted and clarified that:

HJR 11 would dramatically increase the signatures required for initiatives. It would raise the requirement for statutory measures by 33% and for constitutional measures by 25%. And it would require that those new requirements be met separately in every congressional district. That gives eastern Oregon's CD 2 a veto over all statewide ballot measures. Note that its sponsors include 3 Democrats.

It is already so difficult to gather enough signatures that only 2 statewide initiatives qualified for the ballot in 2024, and one of them had union money behind it.