



March 10th, 2025

TO: House Committee on Rules
FROM: Oregon League of Conservation Voters
SUBJECT: Oppose HJR 3

Dear Chair Bowman, Vice-Chairs Pahm and Drazan, and members of the committee,

My name is Britney VanCitters and I'm the Political & Organizing Director at the Oregon League of Conservation Voters (OLCV). OLCV is in strong opposition to HJR 3.

This proposed amendment to our state's constitution is a threat to access to direct democracy in Oregon. Oregon is one of 15 states where everyday citizens have the right to run a petition to get statutory or constitutional amendments, and veto referendums on the ballot for a direct vote of the people. Access to direct democracy has been the Oregon way since 1902.

Requiring an equal number of qualified initiative petition signatures in every Oregon county would mean that only the ultra-wealthy would be able to run successful initiative campaigns. Democracy is not for sale, and it should not require wealth. OLCV urges the Committee to vote NO on HJR 3.

Thank you,

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