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I am in support of this bill. As a non-affiliated voter, I have been disenfranchised and my tax dollars are going towards supporting primary elections that I do not get to participate in. I have tried to work within the system and consider in advance which parties primary I want to take part in and change my registration to a party I would prefer not to affiliate with so that I have the privilege of voting, but often I want to vote in the Democratic primary for one race and the Republican primary for another, and it isn't fair to force a voter to choose a side before the voting even occurs. It contributes to the intense polarization we see in our state, and is deeply unfair to all those without the time I have to remember to change my registration before the primary. I've forgotten to do so at times and then been unable to vote in the primary, and it's ridiculous that on 2025 we have such an outdated political process that disenfranchises so many, particularly as the two major parties continue to alienate voters instead of moderating. This bill as is, or in conjunction with ranked choice voting, or even just a top two primary like WA and CA would be a big improvement. Thank you for your dedication to our state for reading this.