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To the House Committee,

This is my written testimony OPPOSING HB 3166. Oregon voters made it clear in November 2024, that we did not want ranked voting when we voted down Measure 117. As elected officials it is your responsibility and duty to respect what WE THE PEOPLE have voted for while upholding constitutional rights. In other states, such as Alaska, they are working to overturn ranked voting because it does not work and it is not the fair system that it claims to be. Having candidates that all run on the same primary election ballot, with the five candidates receiving the most votes advancing to the general election, is unfair and gives the populous counties outsized influence when selecting candidates. When the populous counties' outsized influence wins, it leaves many Oregonians without a real choice in the general elections. We need an election system that is fair, transparent, and truly represents all voters in Oregon. Oregonians made it clear in November 2024, that ranked voting is not fair, transparent, and it does not truly represent Oregon. I ask that you respect that. As elected officials it is your responsibility and duty to represent THE PEOPLE and the people made it clear, we do not want ranked voting.

Sincerely,  
Katherine Ryder  
Umatilla County Resident