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Senate Committee On Rules

Measure, Appointment or Topic:

SJR30

I strongly oppose SJR 30. It is anti-democratic and would stifle the political power of Oregon voters. There's no good reason to limit the peoples' ability to choose the measures upon which they vote to determine the conditions they choose to live under as Oregonians. Furthermore, requiring the arbitrarily increased threshold being proposed to be reached in each district gives each district, regardless of its size, veto power over all voter initiatives irrespective of their popularity. If passed, the political preferences of a small minority of voters would reign over everyone else and prevent measures supported by the majority of Oregon voters from even being voted upon. Oregon's political fate would be further removed from the direct will of its voters. We'd be beholden to, and limited by, the measures introduced and supported by a small number of politicians who themselves are subject to the influence of lobbyists and private money.

SJR 30 would effectively strip Oregon voters of the power to select statutory and Constitutional measures. It's the entirely predictable, and inevitable, outcome that would follow from this bill's passage. We need to be empowering Oregon voters, not stripping them of the limited power they hold.

Vote No on SJR 30.