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On Behalf Of:

Committee: Senate Committee On Rules

Measure, Appointment or Topic: SJR30

SJR 30 and HJR 11 would gut the effectiveness of Oregon's Initiative Process, which is a foundation of our democratic system.

"In 1902, Oregon voters overwhelmingly approved a legislatively referred ballot measure that created Oregon's initiative and referendum process....

This system of empowering the people to propose new laws or change the Constitution of Oregon through a general election ballot measure became nationally known as 'the Oregon System.'"

Source:

<https://sos.oregon.gov/blue-book/Pages/state/elections/history-introduction.aspx>

We must defeat SJR 30 and HJR 11 which would make passing any initiative nearly impossible.

I urge the Oregon legislature to soundly defeat these measures.