

March 31, 2025

RE SJR 30

Dear members of the Senate Committee on Rules:

The current initiative and referendum process in our Oregon Constitution has worked extremely well for the citizens of Oregon. These proposed changes appear to be but a thinly veiled attempt to make our initiative and referendum process all but totally unworkable. Passage of this legislation will cause further division between the population centers and rural Oregonians. It will also further diminish the influence of minority political parties.

The current Oregon process is perhaps the best thing about our State Government. I can say this, even though over the years, I have not agreed with many of the initiatives that have passed. Please don't remove the people's final word in government by passing this legislation.

Thank you for the opportunity to express my views on SJR 30.

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