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The rights to petition were included in the Oregon constitution to allow Oregonians to change laws and rules that need to be changed. It is already a difficult and arduous effort to create a petition and then gather the many signatures needed. Even if petition is successful in placing a measure on a ballot, a vote of the people is still needed to enact.

This resetting of requirements of petitions makes it more difficult for Oregonians to use these rights. The bar is already high enough. We do not need to raise it.

If our government receives many challenges to its rules and laws, perhaps these governing should spend more time considering their effect on the population they supposedly serve.