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**Position on Bills at 2025  
Session of Oregon Legislature:**

**HB 3908: Support**



The Oregon Progressive Party has been an Oregon minor political party since 2008. It has 3,973 members.

The Oregon Progressive Party supports HB 3908, so that Independent Party of Oregon (or any other Oregon minor party) need not reorganize into a major party until and unless its membership reaches 10% of all Oregon registered voters.

The testimony submitted by the Independent Party of Oregon (IPO) shows that applying the procedures required of a major party to an emerging small “major” party actually disenfranchises the members of that party and hands over their candidate nominations to the Democrats and Republicans. As Rochelle Long testified for the Oregon Association of County Clerks (OACC), written-in Democrats and Republicans won the IPO nominations in 2018 (when the Independent Party of Oregon was compelled to be a major party), even if IPO fielded its own unique candidate for the office on its primary ballot.

In the 2016 election cycle, every single IPO nomination for the Oregon Senate was won by the Republican or Democratic candidate for that same seat, as were nearly all IPO nominations for seats in the Oregon House of Representatives. Under current law, only the Democratic and Republican candidates, and no other write-in candidates, were allowed to have statements in the Voters' Pamphlet, thus giving the Democratic and Republican candidates an insurmountable advantage.

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