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On Behalf Of:

Committee:

Senate Committee On Rules

Measure, Appointment or Topic:

SJR30

I oppose SJR 30, which would refer to voters an amendment to the Oregon Constitution to increase the number of signatures that must be gathered to qualify an initiative for the Oregon ballot and require that 1/6 of that number be gathered in each of Oregon's 6 congressional districts (CDs). SJR 30 is identical to HJR 11, which was heard by the House Rules Committee on March 10. 88 written testimonies were submitted in opposition, including from: League of Women Voters of Oregon Oregon League of Conservation Voters Taxpayers Association of Oregon Consolidated Oregon Indivisible Network - COIN Alliance for Democracy Act for Democracy Oregon Small Business Association Independent Party of Oregon Oregon Progressive Party Honest Elections Action League The Oregon Legislature has a distinct conflict of interest in restricting use of the initiative and referendum powers. Oregon has two co-equal legislative branches—the sitting Legislature and the people using the initiative or referendum.