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On Behalf Of:

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House Committee On Rules

Measure, Appointment or Topic:

SB952

I oppose this bill because it strips Oregon citizens of their right to vote for their US senator. SB 952 puts the appointment of a new US Senator in the hands of the Governor if the former Senator resigns instead of in the hands of the voters, where it belongs. That person then gets the advantage of running as an incumbent in the next election. This process easily allows the Governor to seat their cronies as the new Senator rather than sending the choice to a vote of the people.