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On Behalf Of:

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Senate Committee On Rules

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I am writing to express my strong opposition to House Bill 3390A.

This bill seeks to transfer more control over ballot titles and descriptions for referendums to the legislature. I firmly believe that this is not a necessary or appropriate role for the legislature. The task of crafting ballot language and guiding the referendum process should remain with the individuals and petitioners who bring these issues forward—not lawmakers with potential political interests.

Oregon already has a functioning legal body equipped to handle this process. That responsibility lies with the Secretary of State's Office, which has consistently demonstrated its capability to manage this role effectively and fairly. There is no justification for changing a system that works.

I urge you to allow the Secretary of State's Office to continue its longstanding duties and to provide only legal guidance to petitioners as needed. Please do not support legislation that undermines transparency or increases legislative influence over citizen-led processes.