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Committee: Senate Committee On Rules
Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB3390

I adamantly oppose this measure 3390A. It is tyrannical. I see people with "NO KINGS" signs on occasion. This is an outright disgrace! Impartial persons are supposed to write these bills and try to give the best short description of them. Currently ballot titles for referrals and referenda are drafted by the Attorney General, then subject to

public comment for 10 business days, modified (if necessary) and certified by the Attorney General,

and then are subject to appeal to the Oregon Supreme Court for accuracy and impartiality. The final

ballot title is published in the Voters' Pamphlet, and its shorter parts are the only description of the

measure actually on the ballot.

Furthermore, explanatory statements for referrals and referenda are drafted by an Explanatory

statement Committee appointed by the Secretary of State, consisting of two supporters of the measure,

two opponents of the measure, and a fifth, neutral person selected by the other four or, if necessary, by

the Secretary of State. The Committee drafts the explanatory statement, conducts public hearings, and

finalizes it, subject to appeal to the Oregon Supreme Court only for procedural error.

These processes are designed to ensure that the information voters receive in their Voter's Pamphlets

are accurate and unbiased, hence enhancing their ability to make informed decisions when they vote.

To the extent that the public perceives the Legislature as being unduly influenced by the big money

special interest groups that help fund their campaigns, replacing the current provisions with those of

HB 3390A would remove the impartiality of the current system and thus risk eroding the confidence of

voters in the accuracy and impartiality of the information about bills in the Voters' Pamphlet.