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On Behalf Of:

Committee: Senate Committee On Finance and Revenue

Measure, Appointment or Topic: SJR201

I strongly oppose SJR 201 and urge lawmakers to reject this proposal.

SJR 201 raises serious concerns about government overreach and unintended consequences that could negatively impact Oregonians. Constitutional amendments should only be pursued when there is clear public support, demonstrated need, and careful consideration of long-term impacts. This proposal does not meet that threshold.

First, SJR 201 risks limiting voter voice and public input. Any change that alters constitutional or electoral processes must prioritize transparency, accessibility, and fairness. Oregonians deserve reforms that expand civic engagement — not measures that may restrict or complicate it.

Second, the financial and administrative implications of SJR 201 have not been fully justified. Major structural changes can create significant costs for counties, election officials, and taxpayers. At a time when communities are focused on housing, public safety, behavioral health, and economic stability, this proposal diverts attention and resources away from more pressing needs.

Oregonians value fair elections, responsible governance, and thoughtful policymaking. SJR 201 does not sufficiently protect those principles.

For these reasons, I respectfully urge a NO vote on SJR 201.