

Senate Committee On Rules

Chairs Burdick and Vice-Chair Winters and members of the committee

I STRONGLY OPPOSES SB 1512 – National Popular Vote

I count it my constitutional duty to OPPOSE the National Popular Vote Compact, and it is your constitutional oath that dictates that you oppose it too.

I have found that the general public has bought into the notion that "every vote counts" that is a marketing ploy for the National Popular Vote. But, that is not true under the Compact. The public is willfully ignorant of what this bill does.

Oregon has been known for its individualism and separation from the pack. Informed Oregonians would never agree to give away every vote in Oregon to a Compact that will determine our Electoral vote for us. If Oregon is lumped into a Compact with California or any state with more voting power than we have, we would never have our votes counted because larger states would dictate the vote. I don't call that as "every vote counts" nor would any Oregonian if they knew what this bill does.

Oregon Constitution, Article I, Section 1. Natural rights inherent in people. We declare that all men, when they form a social compact are equal in right: ...

Article II, Section 1. Elections free. All elections shall be free and equal.

This bill violates the constitution by forbidding voters their equal right as established in the Electoral College. The Electoral College weighs every vote so smaller states are weighted more than more populated states giving Oregonians a 1.3 vote value compared to New York's 1.0 vote value, and Oregon has a 1.6 vote value compared to California's 1.0 vote value. This bill provides for joining a compact with more populated states, meaning that when joined with California, Oregonians loss their .6 vote value advantage taking away our voter sovereignty yielding to the popular votes of California.

This bill in essence gives away Oregon's votes to the more populated states to cast for us at the Electoral College. Don't give away our sovereignty to vote as a state. Please vote NO and preserve our independent sovereignty assuring the highest vote value possible in the Electoral College.

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