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Hearing on Senate Bill No. 63, "Generally Prohibit The Use of Ranked Choice Voting"

Chairman (Chairwoman) Roegner, Vice Chair Gavarone, Ranking Member Blackshear, and members of the Senate General Government Committee:

Thank you for taking the time to voice my opinion on Senate Bill 63. My name is Kristin Wagoner, and I am a teacher/job coach turned Instructional Designer. I am vehemently opposed to Senate Bill No. 6.

Having been in the education field for so long, I am opposed to this bill because it limits voter options. Rank-choice voting is AN option that voters can consider when deciding what changes they want to make in THEIR government. Preemptively limiting choices is a tool to use when one removes a fork from a child headed toward a light socket.

According to <https://fairvote.org/>, as of March 22, 2025, "ranked choice voting is used in 62 jurisdictions across 24 states, which includes party-run primaries, special elections, and RCV ballots for military and overseas voters in federal runoff elections in 6 states." This IS a viable option for voters to be heard in a way that the current system does not allow. We need to encourage people to voice their opinions in elections fairly and in a way that makes them feel heard.

You do not remove a possible solution to a problem before it is tested. That is how progress stagnates, and backsliding starts.

I ask that you consider my testimony and vote NO on this dangerous and limiting bill. Thank you for your time.

Kristin Wagoner