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Dear Chairman Roegner, Ranking Member of General Government Committee,

Thank you for your time and opportunity to submit testimony on SB 63. My name is Hillary Sullivan. I am a resident of the City of Hudson. My background is in R&D of large medical devices as an individual contributor as well as a Project and Program Manager.

During my career we have used a form of Ranked Voting to select which features to add to a product as various stakeholders often have points of view. Using this technique we have been very successful selecting a set of features to implement to maximize the happiness of all stakeholders. I find this analogous to voting for my local officials when there are often several candidates. Specifically, city council and school board are two races that could benefit from the use of ranked choice voting.

I believe the state should allow municipalities to decide for themselves if they would like to use ranked choice voting to elect candidates to these positions. It is abysmal that the state would fine local municipalities for utilizing these formats.

In short, let voters decide what will work best and do not fine municipalities for trying to accommodate their constituents.

Thank you for your time.

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