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**Oregon Progressive Party
Position on Bill at 2017
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HJR 10: Oppose as Written

Dear Committee:

The Oregon Progressive Party (OPP) opposes this resolution, which would send to voters an amendment to the Oregon Constitution to authorize the Legislature to impeach and remove any statewide elected official.

While lodging an impeachment and removal authority in the Oregon Legislature would have value, HJR 10 is written to allow impeachment and removal for merely "neglect of duty" or "malfeasance in office." Those are very vague offenses. Note that the U.S. Constitution allows impeachment only for "Treason, Bribery, or other high Crimes and Misdemeanors." The California Constitution requires "misconduct in office," which is somewhat less vague than the HJR 10 proposal.

So the OPP opposes HJR 10 as written and suggests that the crimes authorizing impeachment and removal be more specifically defined.

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