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**Oregon Progressive Party
Position on Bill at 2017
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HJR 6: Oppose

Dear Committee:

The Oregon Progressive Party (OPP) opposes this bill, which purports to redistrict the Oregon Senate into 36 single-member districts, one for each county.

This bill is obviously unconstitutional, as it would directly violate the one-person one-vote rule that applies to state legislatures. This was decided by the United States Supreme Court in Reynolds v. Sims in 1964, which struck down the Alabama statute that allocated one state senator per county--exactly the same as HJR 6.

One wonders why the Oregon Legislature is spending time on this bill. Perhaps this is just a vehicle for a later gut-and-stuff.

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