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**Oregon Progressive Party  
Position on Bill at 2017  
Session of Oregon Legislature:**

**SJR 42: Support**

Dear Committee:

The Oregon Progressive Party supports this bill, which offers to voters an amendment to the Oregon Constitution to provide that every legislative measure must be introduced at request of a Senator or Representative.

Currently, bills can be introduced without a named Senator or Representative as chief sponsor. Sometimes a bill states that it was introduced on behalf of a committee or an interim committee. Other bills say they were introduced at the request of some other government official. This practice reduces accountability. I have participated at committee hearings on such bills, where no one at all appeared to testify in favor of the bill.

Just as the sources of campaign contributions need to be identified, so do the sources of bills introduced at the Oregon Legislature.

The House has already passed HB 2577A, which requires lobbyist statements to identify each bill or measure lobbied on. If lobbyists need to state their connection to every bill, so should those who cause the bills to be introduced.

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