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

SJR 44: Oppose

Dear Committee:

The Oregon Progressive Party (OPP) opposes this resolution, which proposes an amendment to Oregon Constitution to repeal this from its Article II:

Section 9. Penalty for dueling. Every person who shall give, or accept a challenge to fight a duel, or who shall knowingly carry to another person such challenge, or who shall agree to go out of the State to fight a duel, shall be ineligible to any office of trust, or profit.—

So this resolution would allow the candidacies of persons who give or accept challenges to fight duels. Was this resolution the brainchild of former U.S. Senator Zell Miller of Georgia? In 2004 he declared to TV host Chris Matthews: "I wish we lived in the day where you could challenge a person to a duel." This resolution would remove a disincentive to dueling among Oregonians.

Also, there is a cost to removing obviously unenforced and unenforceable provisions in the Oregon Constitution, including the cost of processing and printing this resolution on millions of ballot and processing the results.

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