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

SJR 8: Oppose

Dear Committee:

The Oregon Progressive Party (OPP) opposes this resolution, which proposes an amendment to Oregon Constitution to have every administrative rule be subject to sunset upon petition of one or more Senators and one or more Representatives. Such sunset would occur at the end of next regular session of Legislative Assembly that begins at least six months after petition is made, unless both chambers of Legislative Assembly approve rule on or before date of scheduled sunset of rule.

This appears to be an undemocratic proposal. Upon the petition of a single Representative and a single Senator, an administrative rule would automatically be repealed, unless both chambers of the Oregon Legislature, by majority votes, approve the rule. So destruction of a rule requires only one Representative and Senator, while preservation of a rule requires 31 Representatives and 16 Senators. And it requires that both Houses of the Legislature focus on every administrative rule that a single Representative and Senator find offensive. That may well require the Legislature to focus on hundreds of administrative rules at every session.

If an administrative rule so greatly displeases Representatives or Senators, the Oregon Legislature can already repeal the rule by majority votes of both houses.

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