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Series of election and legislative process reform bills killed by House Democrats

Salem, Ore. - House Democrats today refused to allow a series of election and legislative process reform bills to receive full consideration from the House. Democrats opposed motions to allow debates on three bills, rendering the legislation all but dead for the remainder of the session. At least one of the bills had a Democrat listed as a co-sponsor.

"I am disappointed that these concepts were not given an opportunity to advance this session," said House Republican Deputy Leader Greg Barreto (R-Cove). "These are commonsense proposals that would serve the people of Oregon well. I continue to believe there is more we can do to improve our elections and legislative processes in a bipartisan manner."

Among the proposals Republicans attempted to pull to the floor today were:

- HB 2430: Requires all information provided as part of candidate's statement for voters' pamphlet to be true (Motion to withdraw failed 24-33).
- HB 3239: Requires Citizens' Initiative Review Commission, rather than Attorney General, to fulfill duties relating to receiving, drafting, returning and reviewing ballot titles. (Motion to withdraw failed 24-33).
- HJR 19: Proposes amendment to Oregon Constitution to replace term "declaration of emergency" with term "early implementation date" in those bills that Legislative Assembly determines need to go into effect earlier than 91st day following adjournment sine die of session at which bills are enacted. (Motion to withdraw failed 25-32).

At least one of the bill pulls garnered bipartisan support, though Democrats did not allow a single one to receive full consideration from the House.

House Republicans expect to pull additional bills to the floor before the end of the legislative session.

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