

Please VOTE NO, DO NOT PASS on HCR 3003. This measure, calling for a 60% affirmative vote in a state election in order to pass into law, is anti-democratic and directly against the original intent of creating the citizen-initiated voting measure process. I have recent experience with gathering signatures for a citizen-initiated city-election measure and then seeing it go for a vote by the electorate. It is hard work getting signatures, hard work getting information out about a measure and why it is being brought forward, and hard otherwise to get helpful action on matters that citizens are concerned about and that their legislators/commissioners/other law-making body have not seen fit to act upon or have not had consensus to bring forward to the law-making body. The initiative process is intended as a stop-gap and as a way to let the people's voice be heard, and then to let the people's voices be heard again on the ballot. In elections for office a simple majority of the votes or even simpler, the top vote getter, is elected. Why, on the initiative process, do some in the legislature feel that a higher threshold is needed? This comes across as not trusting the electorate and feeling that somehow the people the electorate have voted to make their legislators—and not by a 60% vote requirement, either!—are somehow better able to decide questions on all matters concerning the electorate. It already is difficult enough to bring forward an initiated measure without adding further restrictions to initiated measures. DO NOT VOTE FOR THIS MEASURE!! We need the initiative process preserved as it is.