

Testimony on Senate Concurrent Resolution

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Chairman Roers and members of the committee

For the record my name is Chuck Walen Senator for District 4

I am here to sponsor and introduce SCR 4016

Senate Concurrent Resolution 4016 is a study based on my SB 2178 that we voted DO Not Pass and we killed it on the floor by my request to have separate ballots by political party for the primary elections.

SB 2178 stated A Voter must request the political party primary ballot of their choice from the election officials. The official would mark on the record which party they gave to the voter.

One side of the ballot would be the political party the individual requested and the reverse side may include non-partisan races, ballot issues and other measures.

The purpose was to help prevent spoiled ballots of cross party voting in a primary election.

2nd it was to allow those who are allowed by current law to request the primary voters record to see which party ballot has been requested. This would help political parties and candidates to identify potential members of their party and help target those individuals who they may contact for advertising, recruitment and other needs. This bill was not intended to create any type of party voter registration.

I do request I do pass on a study of this issue with SCR 4016

Chairman Roers and members of the committee this concludes my testimony.

I stand for any questions you may have