

March 25, 2013

To: House Committee on Rules Representative Chris Garrett, Chair

Re: HB 2419 Campaign Finance Reform SUPPORT

The League of Women Voters of Oregon is a non-partisan, grass roots organization that encourages informed citizen participation in government. We support measures that improve methods of financing political campaigns with increased public access to funding information. Voters need to have easy access to transparency with regard to campaign spending and expenditures.

HB 2419 mandates reporting of contributions and expenditures of or exceeding \$1000 within two days, if the receipt is on or after 14 days prior to the election. This speaks to the voter's right to know and shortens the reporting period from seven days to two. The League would prefer that the reporting deadline within 42 days of an election be left at seven days rather than lengthening it to 14 (Sec.1) (3)(a).

We support HB 2419 generally and recommend passage to the committee.

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