

I am writing to express support for HB 3343, which I find to be a much stronger and effective bill to implement meaningful Campaign Finance Reform than HB 2680, for the following reasons:

- 1) In HB 2680, there is effectively no limit on contributions to/from political parties or caucus committees, particularly since there is no limit to the number of candidate committees that can be created, including candidate committees for any of thousands of local offices. HB 3343 has these limitations.
- 2) In HB 2680, there is no limit from candidate committees to/from caucus or party committees. Because a single donor can donate to many candidates or caucuses, those funds can then be transferred to a particular caucus or party committee.
- 3) In HB 2680, the local veto of contribution limits on local candidates clearly runs contrary to the mandate expressed by Oregonians, when 78% of us voted in favor of campaign finance reform. Further, it allows any local government to create a conduit for unlimited contributions flowing to caucus and party committees.
- 4) In Multnomah County, voters approved contribution limits of \$100 per person into small donor committees. HB 2680 allows any small donor committee to accept \$250 per person and preempts any local law to the contrary. We believe that localities should be able to enact contribution limits that are lower than specified in your bill.
- 5) It is critical that contributors to a candidate of campaign must clearly be identified. Earmarking of funds donated through a committee is akin to laundering and should be prohibited, but your HB 2680 does NOT do that, which HP 3343 does.
- 6) We need to limit donations from membership organizations to funds received by these organizations from residents in Oregon. HB 2680 would allow membership organizations to make contributions to small donor committees on the basis of their nationwide or even worldwide memberships.
- 7) There must be a limit to self-funding by candidates, especially at the end of a campaign. Washington limits self-funding to \$5,000 per candidate during the last 21 days of every campaign.
- 8) There must be very explicit tag lines to campaign advertisements, clearly identifying top donors and the source of funding used for the ads. HB 2680 does NOT include taglines.

Thank you for considering these issues and for supporting HB 3343 instead of HB 2680.

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