

While I applaud the small donor matching part of Rep Rayfield's HB 2680, I CANNOT support this bill as currently written. Loopholes need to be closed for the intent of Oregon voters to truly be respected and made operable under law. For example, localities should not be allowed to opt out of limits because every community deserves fair and accountable elections; campaign spending from membership organizations must be tied to those individual members making the contributions; caucus committees must not be given preferential treatment that results in uniquely high limits, thus undermining the will of the people and our confidence in your ability to govern for we the people; we must not rely on designating the "purpose" of a contribution in applying limits, but rather we must require parties to create different committees for different purposes. Closing these loopholes will result in a bill whose structure is consistent with Oregon voters' intent when they overwhelmingly passed measure 107 in November. Please address these vital points so this bill can truly restore democracy in Oregon.