

To: Senate Rules Committee
From: William Vollmer, citizen

I am writing to express my opposition to SB1526-1 as currently written. I have only just seen this newly amended version, and so cannot speak to the extent that my concerns with the previous version have been addressed; it would appear from the changes that this is an entirely new bill. However the mere fact that this "bill" would enact no legislation now, but instead just continue to kick this matter down the road by deferring it to the voters for the 2024 election, is reason enough to reject it.

The voters of this state have repeatedly over time expressed their strong support for major campaign finance reform, most recently by the passage of ballot measure 107 in 2020 that formally amended the State Constitution to permit contribution limits and other campaign finance reform. We the voters of Oregon, whom you all are supposed to represent, are tired of the massive amounts of money pouring into Oregon politics, even if you are not. You failed to take action in 2021, and per this bill you would appear to be uninterested in taking action this year as well. For shame.

It is time to listen to the voters of this state, and not big monied interests, and pass real campaign finance reform NOW!