

Submitter: Christopher Cobey
On Behalf Of: Self
Committee: House Committee On Rules
Measure: HB4024

For reasons amply and eloquently stated in writing by witnesses:

- *Norman Turrill on behalf of the League of Women Voters of Oregon,
- *Kate Titus on behalf of Common Cause Oregon,
- *Dan Meek in his comprehensive eight-page analysis on behalf of Honest Elections Oregon,
- *James Ofsink on behalf of Portland Forward, and
- *Former Oregon state Representative Marty Wilde,

I urge the Committee to reject HB 4024-3.

The method by which -3 was developed was not open to public scrutiny. A proposal to fix a problem of this magnitude deserves far more input, and far greater transparency.

As of this writing, written testimony submitted to the Committee is overwhelmingly opposed to this particular proposal. Even the statements of those witnesses who have self-characterized their position as "Support," on close reading, either do not address this particular proposal, or are, in fact, opposed to it.

This proposal exemplifies why Oregon needs:

- *At least an equitably-constituted citizens' commission to develop, for prompt approval by Oregon voters, a fair, balanced, and comprehensive campaign finance reform proposal.

- *Annual legislative sessions of an adequate length to give serious consideration to, and develop solutions for, the problems of a state with a biennial budget of tens of billions of dollars.

Deep six this proposal. Oregon can do FAR better.

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