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On Behalf Of: Mr Oregon Opposes HB 4024
Committee: House Committee On Rules
Measure: HB4024

I OPPOSE [HB 4024] with EXTREME PREJDICE!

[HB4024] serves to open the floodgates for Corporations, Non-profits, Labor Unions and Political Super PACS to pour money into politics to enhance monetary influence and dictates to our political system. [HB 4024] is an unregulated quagmire, a warren of legal complexities forcing astute candidates for office to hire an Attorney(s). This alone stamps out democracy.

When the State of Oregon Legislature decides to "scream bloody-murder" to the Federal Government and to all other States of our Union, adding their collective voices and actions to overturn [Citizen's United v. FEC 558 U.S. 310 (2010)], [HB 4024] will only solidify, secure and control monetary dominance of our democracy. [FEC is the Federal Elections Commission]. Information on the composition of the FEC can be found here [<https://www.fec.gov/about/leadership-and-structure/>].

One item the Secretary of State (S.O.S.) and the Legislature could easily fix is to do away with "In-Kind Donations."

"In-Kind Donations" can be easily corrupted (and a good way to "launder money").

For example, a contributor to a campaign could say their "In Kind Donation" to their Candidate of choice was worth [\$2000.00] when in fact the "In-Kind Contribution" has a value of, let's say, \$10.00. Who at S.O.S. will be the wiser? Currently, "No one."

The S.O.S. should conduct unannounced, thorough financial audits of the campaign contributions of candidates for office and if wrong-doing is found, the punishment(s) should be swift, certain and severe.

Until [Citizen's United v. FEC 558 U.S. 310 (2010)] is overturned, the proponents of [HB 4024] can go pound salt.

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Mr. Oregon Concurr, "In-Kind Donations have to go away."