

Date: February 29, 2024
To: House Committee on Rules
From: Monamarie McCreary
Re: My support of Measure SB1571-3

I have two complaints about this bill:

1. Synthetic media is part of the threat to upend democracy in the United States of America. Foreign governments in addition to American citizens & candidates are trying to sway voters to vote for their agendas and they will use synthetic media for their purposes. That's why a fine of not more than \$10,000 is not enough to fit the crime.
2. This bill should also require disclosing who is financing the media. That would allow people to see who may be propagandizing with synthetic media for their vote. This provision is included in Honest Elections Petition #9 which is available for signatures so that it can be on the ballot for Oregonians to vote on.
<https://www.honest-elections.com/>

SB1571-3 is a start and I hope it passes. If \$10k fines aren't persuasive enough to encourage disclosure, then hopefully the fines will be increased.