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As I write this at 11:49 am on June 25, there are 61 submitted written testimonies on this bill. Every single one of them, either as labeled or expressed, is opposed to this delay of the implementation of 2024's HB 4024, a political compromise that the Legislative Assembly blessed last year, and the Governor signed. Only the Secretary of State's office has submitted two purportedly "neutral" testimonies.

Why in the world the legislature would try to undo the will of the people, as reflected in that legislative action, to delay political reform six or seven years, is beyond me. Look at the live testimony of the opponents of this bill given this morning, when the legislature brought up the -5 version of this with 17 hours' notice.

Forty-five other states, Portland, and Multnomah County, have managed to deal with campaign disclosure and reform, and the latter two entities could help with the implementation (see Susan Mottet's testimony). In the words of witness Dan Meek opposing this bill: "This wheel has been invented." The Attorney General has worked with Honest Elections Oregon and other stakeholders to minimize and resolve questions about implementation.

Come ON! Let's see our legislative representatives demonstrate some good faith, some backbone, in implementing long-delayed political reform on an issue which goes directly to their integrity – how they get elected.

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