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On Behalf Of: Indivisible Forest Grove  
Committee: House Committee On Rules  
Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB3392

Thank you for the opportunity to protest amendment 5 to HB 3392, which would delay implementation of campaign finance reform in Oregon to 2031.

As a member of the Indivisible Forest Grove steering committee, I am writing on behalf of Indivisible Forest Grove. To give you an idea of who we are: Last Saturday, for No Kings day, more than 600 of us turned out peacefully to speak up for our rights, and the rule of law. Support from passing motorists was phenomenal.

As Oregonians, we demand that our legislators NOT vote to dismantle contribution limits and disclosures of top donors. We are frustrated and disappointed by this attempt to frustrate the clear will of the voters, expressed at every opportunity.

The excuse suddenly offered for the amendment is a letter by Oregon Secretary of State Tobias Read, complaining about the lack of time to write the rules necessary to implement HB 4024. The letter was requested by the Democratic and Republican leaders of the Legislature on June 17. It was written on June 19 and revealed on June 24. But there has been no lack of time. HB 4024 already provided a 34-month period from early March 2024 to the effective date of its campaign contribution limits in January 2027. HB 4024 also provided a 46-month period before its additional disclosure requirements would take effect in January 2028. That is ample time to write implementation rules, as confirmed by national experts.

45 other states have implemented campaign contribution limits and disclosure requirements. So have Multnomah County and City of Portland, which implemented them within a few months of their adoption by voter initiatives. Is Oregon government so incompetent that it cannot manage this, even when already given essentially 3 years to prepare for the contribution limits and 4 years to prepare for the disclosure requirements? Isn't that asserted incompetence convenient for politicians who benefit from big money?

We oppose this amendment. Please vote it down.

Thank you,  
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On behalf of Indivisible Forest Grove