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On Behalf Of: Alliance for Democracy
Committee: House Committee On Rules
Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB3392

The proponents of this bill couldn't have done a better job of making our case for us.

Alliance for Democracy, Portland opposes this amendment. We are part of the Honest Elections Oregon coalition which put 3 successful Campaign Finance Reform [CFR] measures in front of the voters:

In 2016 Multnomah County's Measure 26-184 passed by 89%
In 2018 Portland's Measure 26-200 passed by 87%
In 2020 the statewide Measure 107 passed by 78%

This amendment flies in the face of the voters. It is the result of the exact backroom deals & political machinations that CFR seeks to end.

HB 4024 set its own lengthy deadlines for implementation: Limits in place by 01/01/2027. Disclosure rules in place by 01/01/2028. The Legislature has already wasted a significant portion of that time by simply doing nothing. It's time to get to work.

You are also ignoring the very significant resource right in front of you: US.

Honest Elections has a long history in this area. We have expertise. We have connections with other CFR groups across the country. Dan Meek, one of the attorneys who work with us, has submitted a lengthy list of fixes to HB4024. His suggestions have been completely ignored and instead the Legislature created a "workgroup" that consists of paid business lobbyists.

You don't need FOUR more years to implement HB4024. Neither Multnomah County nor the City of Portland required 6 years to implement similar laws. Neither have the 45 other states that have CFR laws on the books. Perhaps you should consult with some of these people. Susan Mottet has already offered to join in an intergovernmental agreement with you to work this out.

What's needed is the political will and the guts to do what the voters have repeatedly demanded by large margins: 78-89%

But instead of doing what's right & what's simple, this Legislature sneaks around behind our backs, wheels & deals with their opposition and trots out this demand for "more time" at the last possible minute with as little public notice as possible.

Do you think the voters can't see this for what it is?

Vote NO on this amendment.

Come back next year ready to get this done by the original deadlines.