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On Behalf Of:

Committee: House Committee On Rules

Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB3392

To members of Rules Committee: No on HB 3392 and extending implementation of the legislation HB 4024

I would suggest instead of lengthening the prep time for implementation that state leadership dig deep to fund and implement updating/replacement of ORESTAR or other electronic infrastructure, staffing, and creating process to do this baby step of curtailing what is now uncontrolled spending and legal bribes in Oregon. You passed this bill to side step the more robust measure the people were proposing as law, now PRIORITIZE doing all that is necessary to fund it. Hire competent people to do the process, set the performance bar HIGH and do it now. Prove through your actions that you respect the will of the people of Oregon to curtail unbridled contributions that we all know leads to buying votes and support for donors.

This quote from Honest Elections Oregon is right on:

"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 has 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?"

Courage to meet and work out a plan to bring this law into function by the current timeline.