

Re: Comments in Opposition to HB 3392-5
June 26, 2025

Chair Bowman, Vice Chairs Pham and Drazen, and the other members of the House Rules Committee,

I need to join the many Oregonians who urge you to oppose the appalling last-minute effort provided in HB 3392-5 to undermine and seriously delay the implementation of HB 4024 the campaign finance reform measure passed in 2024. The passage of this law was such a major accomplishment. It helped to restore my faith in the legislative process despite the significant opposition from entrenched interests that benefit from the nearly free flow of funds to candidates. Fortunately, Oregon's media have alerted us to this inexcusable attempt to circumvent the legislation that would at least reduce the influence of money in the legislative process.

The major delay proposed in the -5 amendment should be rejected. Any additional amendments that serve to harm campaign contribution limits, disclosure requirements, and enforcement provisions should also be rejected

I have read the comments from Honest Elections, including the comments from programming expert Seth Woolley that casts serious doubt on the testimony of the Secretary of State. We know that 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 2024 also provided a 46-month period before its additional disclosure requirements would take effect in January 2028. That should be ample time to write implementation rules, as confirmed by the filed testimony of national experts from the Campaign Legal Center. I do support the reasonable technical fixes proposed by Honest Elections.

As you know, 45 other states have implemented campaign contribution limits and disclosure requirements. Multnomah County and City of Portland were prepared to implement their requirements within a few months of their adoption by the voters.

I hope this committee and the entire legislature will recall that most Oregonians want serious campaign finance reform. Members of the Oregon media and those of us who are paying even minimal attention will not be fooled by this shocking last minute attempt to circumvent the process.

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