



February 10, 2026

To: House Committee On Rules

From: Russell Lum, Legislative and Political Organizer, Oregon Nurses Association

Re: **Support of HB 4018-6**

Dear Chair Bowman, Vice Chair Elmer, Vice Chair Pham, and Representatives Grayber, Kropf, Skarlatos, and Wallan,

Thank you for receiving this testimony on House Bill 4018-6 on behalf of the Oregon Nurses Association (ONA). ONA represents a diverse community of more than 24,000 nurses and healthcare professionals throughout Oregon. Together we use our collective power to advocate for critical issues impacting patients and healthcare workers including a more effective, affordable, and accessible healthcare system; better working conditions for all healthcare professionals; and healthier communities.

Oregon Nurses Association strongly supports HB 4018-6. ONA engages in elections in support of candidates that win the trust and partnership of nurses and healthcare workers. We have a role in making large groups of working Oregonians participants in their democracy. It is paramount that participation in our democracy be easy, fair, and well planned when it comes to implementing any changes. Our state's tendencies and incentive system — across the whole range of stakeholders, not just ONA — for grassroots participation are too important not to have a setup that works. These are just too important to risk degrading public trust.

ONA is a supporter of the progress we set out to achieve with the passage of HB 4024 (2024). Oregonians want and deserve the level playing field where voices of everyday people are not drowned out by millionaires and billionaires making unlimited political contributions.

We must roll out new law thoughtfully. Botched rollout and lack of money in critical implementation phases could cause a staggering setback in the health of our democracy, in this time when even the basics of our election system receive toxic attention and can too often reflect a battleground rather than a consensus. The Secretary of State has made it clear that they need at least \$25 million to implement this law fully, and we know that every day that passes, the price tag goes up and the likelihood that the aggressive timeline will be met diminishes.

So ONA joins many voices advocating for the approaches taken in HB 4018-6.

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- Makes changes that balance the realities of launching an incredibly complex new IT project with the need to implement campaign contribution limits on time
- Makes a technical fix to the disclosure of personally identifiable information to protect the privacy of Oregonians
- Makes a technical fix to the penalty matrix that will help incentivize good behavior and self-correction when campaign finance reporting errors occur
- Clarifies the disclosure and disclaimer requirement language, making it easier to understand and comply with, for regulators and practitioners alike

Absent these changes, we're failing the commitments we made in HB 4024 and risking our future. Thank you for your work on HB 4018-6; we urge your adoption.

Sincerely,
Russell Lum