



TO: House Committee on Rules
FROM: Oregon League of Conservation Voters
SUBJECT: SUPPORT HB 4018

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

My name is Britney VanCitters, and I'm the Political & Organizing Director at the Oregon League of Conservation Voters (OLCV). OLCV works to protect Oregon's clean air, water, natural spaces, wildlife, and communities by engaging throughout the political process. A healthy, fair, and accessible democracy is essential to fulfilling our mission to protect Oregon's people and places. I'm writing on behalf of OLCV and our over 7,200 active members across Oregon to urge you to support HB 4018 with the -6 amendment.

Oregonians want - and deserve - fair elections where the voices of everyday people are not drowned out by millionaires, billionaires, and corporations making unlimited political contributions. We have also heard from the Secretary of State that they need at least \$25 million to implement this law fully. We thank the legislature for bringing forth a proposal that balances the realities of launching an incredibly complex new IT project, with the need to implement campaign contribution limits on time, as Oregonians are demanding.

The Secretary of State has warned that without necessary technical fixes in the -6 amendment, the current statute could have severe unintended consequences, making it harder for everyday people, including the communities we represent, to confidently participate in our democracy. This bill:

- 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 incentivise 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.

OLCV supports the -6 amendment. We agree it is wise for the state to phase in implementation of Oregon's new campaign finance system to ensure that the roll out is smooth and meets the high standards that Oregonians and voters deserve. On behalf of OLCV and our members, I urge you to vote YES on HB 4018 with the -6 amendment.

Sincerely,
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