

Submitter: Rick Berkobien

Committee: House Committee on Rules

Measure: Oppose HB 4018

Chair Bowman, Vice Chairs Elmer and Pham and members of the House Committee on Rules,

My name is Rick Berkobien, and live in Salem. I am writing in strong opposition of HB 4018, and specifically the gut and stuff 84 page amendment, which if passed would weaken and delay campaign finance reform. It would double some of the campaign contribution limits, multiply others exponentially, and delay parts of the bill until 2031. This is not acceptable. Oregonians deserve true campaign finance reform!

I spent almost 20 years working as a non partisan staff person with the Oregon Legislature. During my tenure, I too often saw, first hand, the results of big money's negative influence on what should be good lawmaking. At the national level, we now see the egregious activities of big money on our country....and Oregon is better!

Please oppose HB 4018 and the -6 amendment. And continue to oppose this bill and any further amendments that mimic weakening true campaign finance reform.

Thank you,

Rick Berkobien