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HB 4018 -6 amendment is a betrayal of the many voices who hoped to have fair, honest and effective campaign finance reform soon.

Snuck in after business hours the night before the meeting on Feb 10, this secretly developed language benefits special interests who wish to continue to dominate campaign finance in Oregon. Yet, it still (more quickly) limits contributions from individuals.

The term 'gut and stuff' certainly applies here as unions and businesses apparently coerced legislators to gut what good government and common voices had helped develop and stuffed in something far more self-serving. Once again, agreements with the public have been broken. Passing this HB 4018-6 amendment (which replaces the better plan) would be another step in eroding trust in government leadership.

HB 4024 on CFR was passed into law during the very end of the 2024 session in response to a petition that gathered many signatures (from people like me). It was bound to succeed as a citizens' initiative. A reminder that this was after a constitutional amendment passed by some 78% of voters in 2020 demanded campaign finance reform.

How long do we have to wait? Please oppose HB 4018-6.

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