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On Behalf Of:

Committee: House Committee On Rules

Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB4018

Dear members of the Rules Committee. Tthis 84-page amendment was introduced basically as a gut-and-stuff amendment to what was an innocuous one-sentence bill directing the SoS to study elections. It was also posted after close of business Feb 9, less than 15 hours before the scheduled 8 am on the 10th.

These amendements were developed without any involvement of the campaign finance reform community, including Honest Elections Oregon, League of Women Voters of Oregon, Common Cause, the Consolidated Oregon Indivisible Network (COIN), Campaign Legal Center, the Independent Party of Oregon, Oregon Progressive Party, and Pacific Green Party, among others. That is neither a transparent nor an inclusive process.

Oregonians need and deserve campaign finance reform. What's happening nationwide in elections says that the Democratic Party needs to stop taking big money... a real issue in Oregon. This amendment should not go forward.