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To: House Committee on Rules

From: Kevin Sullivan, Oregon Education Association

Subject: Support for HB 4018 -8

### HB 4018 -8 Campaign Finance Reform

Chair Bowman, Vice-Chair Elmer, Vice-Chair Pham, and Representatives of the committee, my name is Kevin here on behalf of the Oregon Education Association. I am writing in support of HB 4018 with the -8 amendment.

The Oregon Education Association represents over 42,000 educators across the state of Oregon. The membership of our union spans every aspect of education. We represent educators in from pre-kindergarten, K-12 and Community colleges. These members have diverse roles from licensed teachers and specialists, classified/education support professionals (ESPs), community college faculty, bus drivers, school nurses, to counselors and more. In short, our members are the ones who ensure students arrive to school safely, are fed, supported in crisis, teach in front of classrooms, and work in difficult conditions to support students and our communities every day.

Educators want – and deserve – fair elections where their voices are heard and not drowned out by the ultra-wealthy and corporations. And while campaign finance reform is a good and necessary addition to our political system, we owe it to everyday Oregonians to do what we can to avoid botching its implementation. Doing so would undermine confidence in our democratic institutions rather than restoring faith and transparency.

The Secretary of State has made it clear that they need at least \$25 million to implement this law completely. At the same time, we know that with every day that passes, the cost increases. In short, we must pass this fix now, especially at a time when our budget is in crisis.

I think of note, and interest to our members, this bill makes a technical fix to the disclosure of personally identifiable information. Being able to participate in our democracy while having their privacy respected is incredibly important to educators.



We thank the legislature for bringing forward a proposal that both balances the realities of launching an incredibly complex new IT project, with the need to implement campaign contribution limits on time. We agree with this phased-in approach, and we urge a yes vote on HB 4018 -8.