

Members of Oregon Legislature

From: Jenifer Schramm

Re: Testimony in opposition to HB 4018-6

Date: February 11, 2026

My name is Jenifer Schramm and I am testifying in opposition to HB 4018-6.

The process by which this bill was brought before you is a telling reminder that the election financing currently in place exists in the shadows.

Technical fixes were proposed to this bill, for example by Honest Elections in June of 2024. This eleventh-hour amendment is not a good-faith effort to accomplish an examination of proposed technical fixes. It is rather an effort to delay reform and sweep the issue under the rug by gutting the proposed legislation.

Reform legislation is already WAY overdue. The problems with the financing and lobbying in the current Oregon system have been solved by other states. This is a political problem, fueled by resistance by those who benefit from the current skewed system. It is not a technical problem that needs more study.