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House Committee On Rules

Measure, Appointment or Topic:

HB4018

Please honor the will of your voters and DO NOT move HB 4018 forward.

This was such a disappointing and dishonest effort to sneak in an amendment to a "study bill" with little notice, and most importantly, without allowing the good government groups that worked with all other stakeholders to create the 2024 Campaign Finance Reform bill HB 4024. It's so ironic to hear Secretary Read talk about losing the trust of voters if he is forced to implement HB 4024. Actually, the opposite is true: You are losing the trust of voters over your efforts NOT to implement it.

Voters have been asking for meaningful campaign finance reform since 2020 when we passed Ballot Measure 107 with a whopping 78%, directing the Legislature to take action. For three years the legislature failed. And had it not been for a strong campaign finance reform initiative petition in 2024, I expect the legislature would have failed again to answer to the voters. But, to avoid the tougher requirements of the initiative petition, you agreed to the terms of HB 4024, allowing 3-4 years to enact the requirements.

Since then, there have been excuses and multiple efforts to break the agreement of HB 4024. How is it that 46 other states can do this and Oregon cannot? We're not buying it! This is Oregon – JUST DO IT! Just do it, so people like Phil Knight CAN'T do it (donate millions to his favorite candidates) anymore!