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I speak as a Democrat, especially to Democrats with a principled election integrity conscience.

THE ABSOLUTE ESSENTIALITY OF EQUALITY

These 4018-8 and -6 amendments must be defeated.
Their proposed delays to the implementation of Campaign Finance Reform in Oregon
for *3 more years* is an abomination.
The Constitutional amendment Measure 107
was overwhelmingly approved by 78% of statewide voters way back in Nov 2020,
and HB 4024 was finally approved by this legislature March 7, 2024
after *extended debate and negotiations among all major constituencies*.
Delaying its strict implementation tells voters that the state—
partisanly sanctions moneyed sources buying and influencing elections
and tramples clear voter demand for immediate reform.

These rushed “gut-&-stuff” HB 4018-8 and -6 amendments
were not even pretended to be negotiated in good faith
with all the key constituencies who already each made huge concessions
to agree on HB 4024 two years ago.
They have no place in a rushed short-term session.

Instead, fast-track HB 4024 implementation to meet its original deadlines.
Private contractors can adapt established, successful lower-cost models from other states
for Oregon's less elegant *short-term implementation*
until a friendlier budget opportunity emerges
for the grand Secretary of State “ORESTAR II” upgrade.
That *separate* issue should not excuse undermining HB 4024 original limits and deadlines.

There are so many issues on which I agree with Dems on your short session legislative agenda—
but HB 4018-8 and -6 *are just plain wrong*.
The only legitimate objective right now is actually implementing HB 4024
as the major constituencies fairly negotiated its passage two years ago,
not sneakily backdooring *partisan-advantaged changes* that have not been thoughtfully negotiated.
Thank you for objectively and deeply reflecting on these integrity choices.

Democracy dare not be further delayed.
Every year that exacerbates election integrity,
voter perception that their will is *intentionally* disregarded,
and voter fall-off because elections are not *transparently fair*—
that is the price too high.
Voters will correctly be *rallied*
to bear a grudge against this legislature and administration
who blatantly *betray* voter trust.