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To: Members of Oregon Legislature
From: William Vollmer (on behalf of Consolidated Oregon Indivisible Network – COIN)
Re: Testimony in opposition to HB 4018-6 and HB 4018-8
Date: February 12, 2026

This is the oral testimony that I signed up (but wasn't given the time) to present.

My name is Bill Vollmer and I am presenting opposition testimony today on behalf of the Consolidated Oregon Indivisible Network (COIN), a coalition of over 75 grassroots groups throughout the State that promotes progressive legislation. COIN is proud to work with the Honest Elections Oregon coalition, which has been the prime mover behind much, if not all, of the CFR that has occurred in Oregon over the last 20 years.

The -6 and -8 amendments, and the process by which they were developed and introduced, feel very much like a slap in the face to the voters of Oregon.

The Honest Elections coalition pulled IP 9 and agreed to support HB 4024 on the **explicit** understanding that the Legislature and Secretary of State's office would work with us to address the needed technical edits. **We were betrayed.**

1. Our input has been consistently ignored.
2. We were excluded from the discussions that led to these amendments.
3. And the amendments were brought to the Legislature as a gut-and-stuff amendment to an innocuous one-sentence bill; posted less than 15 hours before the 1st scheduled public hearing; and now have a work session to presumably vote on them just two days later.

Why the secrecy, why the rush, and why exclude from the process State and national experts on campaign finance law unless you weren't really interested in true reform in the first place? These experts have testified that these amendments substantially undo the provisions of HB 4024.

COIN recognizes that the Legislature faces substantial pressure from various special interest groups who do not wish to see HB4024 implemented, or if it is enacted that it includes provisions favoring their particular interests. However, real, effective campaign finance reform doesn't selectively favor one class of donors over another. Furthermore, such partisan provisions inevitably create loopholes that can be exploited by others. We've seen this time and again in other States.

The voters of Oregon who elected you and who have repeatedly, and by overwhelming majorities, voted for real, effective campaign finance reform, deserve better. We urge you to reject these amendments and **finally, really** bring Honest Elections Oregon into the discussion to fix them.