

HB4018 -6 and -8 Back Room "Support"

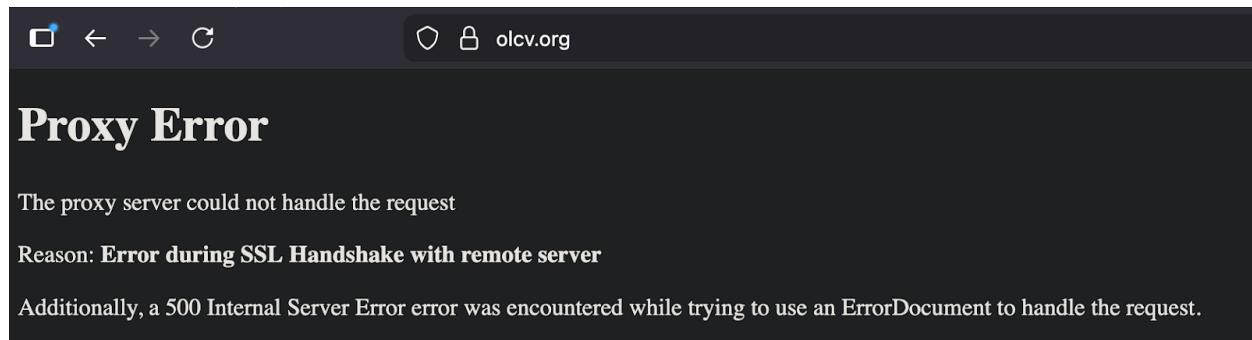
I'm Seth Woolley, Treasurer of the Pacific Green Party, and we're actively communicating with our members about the threat the 2026 HB4018 gut and stuff amendments are to real campaign finance reform without gigantic loopholes that render the hard won reforms we worked on moot. We helped collect over 100,000 signatures for IP-9 that lead to 2024 HB4024.

Groups like **Oregon League of Conservation Voters (OLCV), Oregon Education Association (OEA), and Our Oregon** are grossly misleading their followers by saying that the proposed huge amendments (84 pages and 95 pages) to HB4024 somehow serve the purpose of campaign finance reform. The exact opposite is true. Those amendments would destroy the campaign contribution limits and disclosure requirements enacted by the Oregon Legislature in 2024 as a compromise with Honest Elections Oregon (which includes Pacific Green Party).

I am also subscribed to OLCV's alerts and get their emails, which during this short session come frequently. Britney VanCitters and Eliza Walton are sending email blasts regularly. Attached are two examples around the time period of this effort by Britney to claim in testimony here:

My name is Britney VanCitters, and I'm the Political & Organizing Director at the Oregon League of Conservation Voters (OLCV). OLCV works to protect Oregon's clean air, water, natural spaces, wildlife, and communities by engaging throughout the political process. A healthy, fair, and accessible democracy is essential to fulfilling our mission to protect Oregon's people and places. I'm writing on behalf of OLCV and our over 7,200 active members across Oregon to urge you to support HB 4018 with the -6 amendment.

But **they have been utterly silent on this bill** over the last month. I also tried to check their website, but the site of these **experts on IT system complexity** we are to trust looks like this:



A couple hours later the site was working again and mentions only 3 priorities, none involving this (see attached).

The Pacific Green Party has sent emails and posted to our site.

My wife is also a **member of OEA** and expressed disappointment about her organization being listed as a sponsor of these measures. She has also **not received any communications** about what they are doing. At the end of this week she received a summary email that **goes also to a non-working website** (see attached timeout page – a refresh did show it eventually) though the email can still be read (three pages attached). It also doesn't mention this bill at all despite going into detail on pretty much everything else they did this week.

Finally, in the communication from Our Oregon, sent two hours after the draft showed up, also attached, they announce it as a way to protect campaign finance reform, **when it does the exact opposite.** They basically plead for more money and “technical fixes” and say literally nothing about the details.

Could it be that none of these “supporters” want their members to be aware of either their position on these amendments or the truth of what the amendments do?

Seth

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Eliza Walton

Inbox - Swoolley Yesterday at 1:02 PM

Oregon's wildlife is at stake – they need your voice!

To: Seth Woolley,

Reply-To: olcv@olcv.org



Hi Seth,

I am here with more than 200 wildlife advocates who are meeting with their lawmakers and rallying in Salem in support of the 1.25% for Wildlife bill! **Back us up by emailing your lawmakers today so they are hearing from ALL of us at once!** The bill is scheduled for a [committee vote](#) at 3:00 pm today, February 11th and will be heading to the House for a vote soon after that. **Things are moving fast, don't wait to join us in keeping the momentum up by emailing both your Representatives and Senators.**

[Send your message](#)

Oregon's wildlife is at a tipping point and you could make the difference. **[NOW is the time to show your representative your support for this bill, so we can pass this landmark wildlife funding!](#)**

Sincerely,

Eliza Walton

Eliza Walton (she/they)

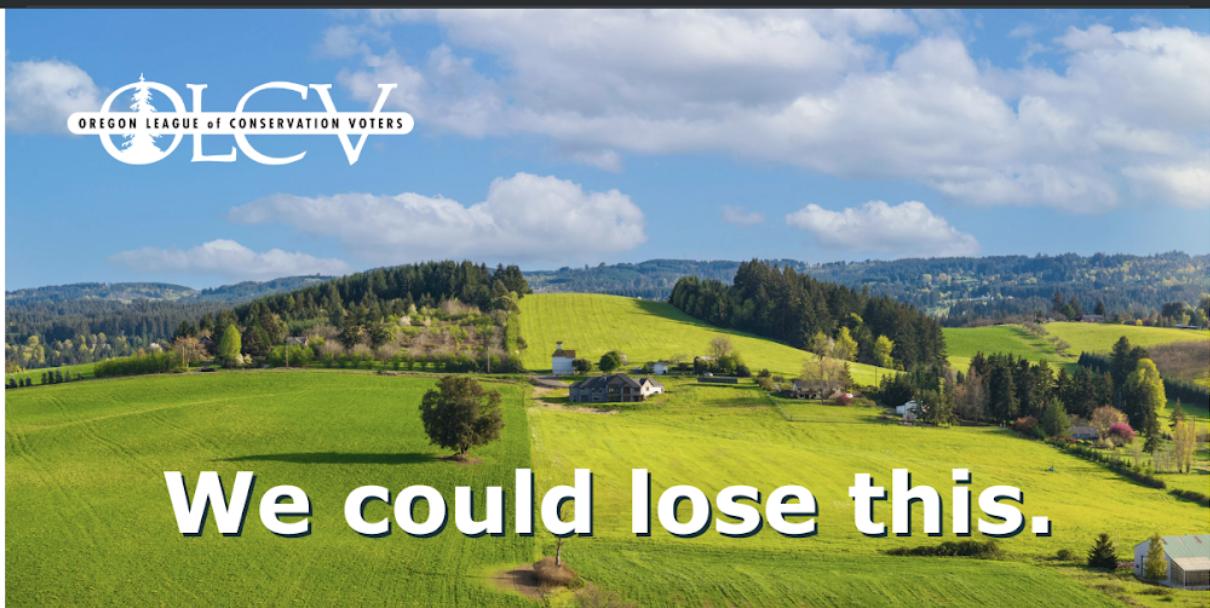


Eliza Walton

Take Action: Stop the 1,700 acre land grab!

To: Seth Woolley

February 10, 2026 at 10:56 AM



Hi Seth,

The 2026 short session is underway, and we're already seeing a dangerous Major Threat ([SB 1586](#)) to long-standing agreements and Oregon's land use laws.

SB 1586 would open up 1,700 acres of world-class farmland, by expanding the Metro urban growth boundary into land protected as rural reserves and zoned exclusively for farm use. This land was explicitly safeguarded through a 2014 legislative settlement that every stakeholder agreed to honor known as the [grand bargain](#). In this exchange, Hillsboro received over 1,000 acres of farmland for industrial use. This bill breaks that promise and opens the door to another speculative land grab. Once this farmland is gone, it's gone forever. And it's not needed: Oregon already has thousands of acres of industrial land inside cities, including in Hillsboro.

This bill has not been scheduled for a public hearing yet. [Please send your message to your legislators today to stop this Major Threat!](#)

[Stop this Major Threat](#)

Oregon's land use system exists because people fought for it. If we don't speak up now, we risk losing these lands piece by piece.

Subject: Protect Campaign Finance Reform - Submit Testimony on HB 4018 NOW!



Hi there,

Oregonians like you stood together and demanded a campaign finance system where the voices of everyday people are not drowned out by millionaires and billionaires. Now we are closer than ever to finally seeing real campaign contribution limits in Oregon!

But we need your help to ensure the rollout of this critical reform is successful, smooth, and doesn't come crashing down at the last moment. At this fragile moment in our democracy, we can't afford to undermine faith and transparency in our elections with a botched roll out of campaign finance reform. The Secretary of State has been clear: implementing this incredibly complex new system requires significant new resources (at least \$25 million!) and a thoughtful approach to avoid disaster.

That's why we strongly support HB 4018-6 amendment, a crucial bill that ensures a prudent, phased-in implementation of Oregon's new campaign finance system. Let's make sure our elected officials understand that this bill is the best path forward to *implement campaign contribution limits and level the playing field now*, while also ensuring a responsible and successful policy launch.

HB 4018-6 balances the urgent need to implement contribution limits on time with the genuine challenges of launching a massive new IT project. It provides necessary technical fixes to mitigate unintended consequences and ensures the system meets the high standards voters deserve.

[Take Action](#)

Please submit testimony in support of HB 4018-6 today. Tell your legislators that we need campaign contribution limits, and we need to pass HB 4018 to avoid a disastrous roll out that could undermine our democratic process.

[Submit Testimony](#)

[Click here to submit your testimony on HB 4018-6 today.](#)

Onward,

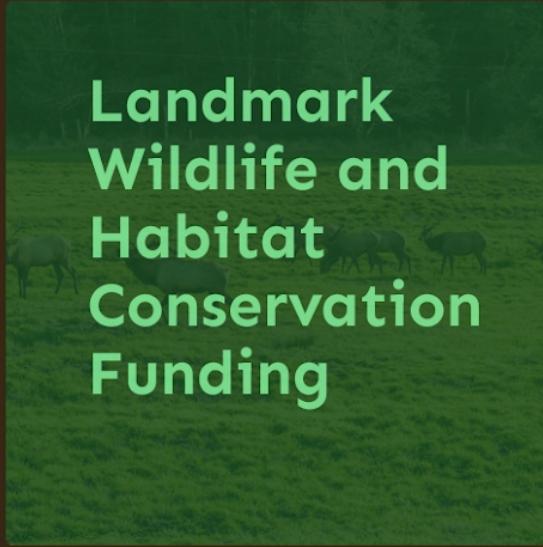
Kelsey Paden

Our Oregon

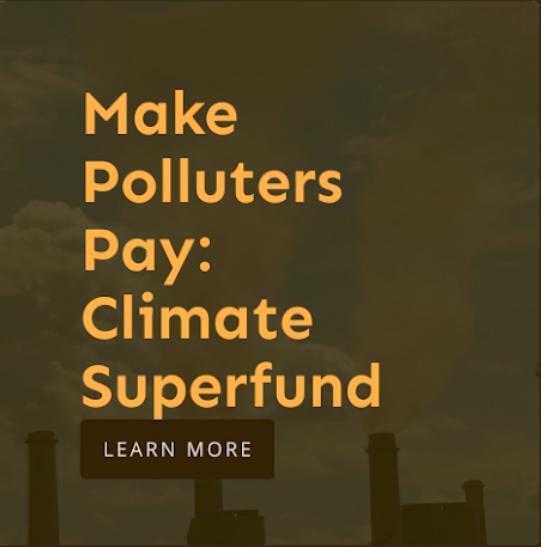


The 2026 legislative session begins on Monday, February 2nd, and our team has been gearing up for months, meeting with partners, legislators, and community advocates to ensure Oregon continues moving forward on climate and conservation. This session won't be without its challenges. We expect to defend existing climate and conservation wins, while continuing to advance the bold, science-based policies Oregon needs. With federal protections weakening and climate impacts escalating, our state's leadership is more urgent than ever.

These are the major policy priorities OLCV and the Oregon Conservation Network (OCN) will be championing this year:



**Landmark
Wildlife and
Habitat
Conservation
Funding**



**Make
Polluters
Pay:
Climate
Superfund**

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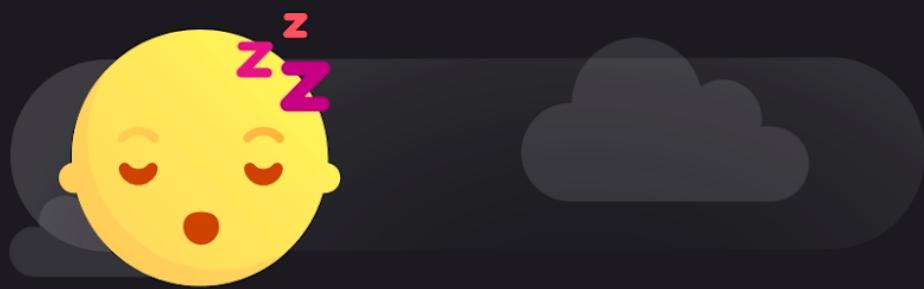


**Natural Resource Agency
Budgets**



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Three Easy Ways to Engage

Take Action Today! Oregon's 35-day legislative session is going fast and the voices of OEA members are needed.

Here are 3 ways you can take action today to help make a concrete difference:

1. The **Immigrant Justice Package** that the Oregon Education Association prioritized as a part of our federal response work to support students and keep communities safe NEEDS YOUR HELP. The legislative deadlines are coming close and the package and a number of bills need help to keep moving. [Tell Lawmakers to Support Immigrant Justice!](#)
2. **Take Action at the Capitol on Presidents' Day.** Join us in sending a clear message to legislators that we expect them to stop giving tax cuts to the ultra-rich and to instead fund our schools and communities in a way that enables us all to thrive. [RSVP and join us!](#)
3. **Sign up for rapid response updates and commit to take legislative action.** We need members who can quickly make phone calls in the coming days, or come to Salem to pack a hearing room. This is our opportunity to ensure legislators feel the real public accountability to disconnect from the federal tax cuts that benefit corporations and the wealthy and prioritize preventing cuts to schools, healthcare and food assistance.
 - a. We expect a vote on this next Monday – join us and watch the debate in the Senate Chamber on Presidents' day around 11am at the Oregon State Capitol.
 - b. After this top priority passes the Senate, there may be a hearing as soon as Wednesday and we will put an alert out for help

I'm in!

What happened this week in Salem?

OEA opposed SB 1555 which would have abolished the Quality Education Commission and the current approach to the Quality Education Model that is the process in Oregon for determining adequate funding of Education. After two weeks of work Senator Frederick announced Thursday morning that the bill would not be moving forward. OEA staff caught this bill when it was filed, OEA members reached out with concern, and we all worked to ensure legislators knew this was a drastic change with no process to determine what is best. [You can watch the OEA's testimony against the bill here.](#)

OEA member leaders working hard on HB 4011-1: Bargaining Rights Restoration Bill

On behalf of the OEA, President Enrique Farrera testified before the House Labor and Workforce Committee in support of HB 4011-1, which would make class size and caseload a mandatory subject of bargaining.

OEA brought seven witnesses to the table. Each one spoke from expertise or direct experience, and together they neutralized opposition arguments before they gained traction.

Greater Albany Education Association President Dana Lovejoy told the committee what educators in Albany went through when their school district ignored class size during negotiations. Albany educators fought back through a strike to make sure students and teachers were not forgotten at the bargaining table.

Salem Keizer Education Association Vice-President Tyler Scialo-Lakeberg shared how their bargaining team was able to negotiate class size early in the process, showing the committee that this work is possible when both sides come prepared.

The result: legislators have told us directly that our testimony changed the narrative around this bill in a positive and productive way. OEA's preparation and the strength of our member leaders made the difference.



FEATURED MEMBER TESTIMONY

Greater Albany Education Association President Dana Lovejoy delivered a powerful testimony in support of HB 4011, and spoke about Greater Albany's win of a \$500 class size committee fund during their strike in November 2024.

[Watch Dana's testimony here.](#)



What is happening next week in the Capitol?

As we hit the halfway point in the 2026 short session, OEA members and staff will be turning up the pressure on our state lawmakers to stop handing out tax cuts to the wealthy when our schools continue to suffer. You can expect more calls and emails about ways to engage in this critical work.

Week 3 Events

- Monday 2/16: likely vote in Senate Chamber on SB 1507 A
- Monday 2/16: OEA members in the Capitol ([signup here](#)) at 9 a.m.
- Monday 2/16: PCUN's Day without an Immigrant actions; Childcare lobby day; AFSCME lobby day.
- Tuesday 2/17: SB 1507 on disconnect likely posted in House Revenue
- Wednesday 2/18: likely House Revenue public hearing on Federal Disconnect legislation
 - We will try to pack the room and provide member testimony from 3-5:15
 - Are you ready to speak up for our students at the Capitol? Email cea-gr@oregoned.org and we can answer all of your questions and get you prepared to share your story with legislators.

Keep an eye out for social media updates as these events occur with short notice.

Thank you for all you are doing to stay engaged in the work of your union this legislative session.

