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NO on SB 1508 or on HB 4018!! WE THE PEOPLE need a complete overhaul of our elections.

I have no doubt that the current effort to add a 95-page amendment to an innocuous study bill (HB 4018) (a classic "gut and stuff" maneuver), with zero input from good government groups both local and national, will be seen by the majority of Oregon voters as the shocking betrayal of trust that it is. The end result will be a disillusioned and disgruntled public ready to support much stricter campaign reform laws than the compromise version the legislature adopted in 2024.

We need election/voter reform in the worse way. As it stands, we have NOT had fair elections for decades. We don't need another money-sucking study, just enact the following:

- "Clean-up" Voter Registration Records is needed- Tom Fitton with Judicial Watch just won a lawsuit and Oregon is required to clean up 800,000 voter rolls- yes, that's 800,000.
- No Illegal Aliens, No Dead People.
- Require voter Identification to vote.
- No Mail in Voting, except military and home-bound disabled persons.
- No "Ballot Harvesting" schemes.

The will of the Oregon populace was made clear on previous ballot measures on campaign reform, over 87% supported strict limits. Yet again the Oregon Legislators are letting BIG MONEY interests write the rules. This is not acceptable and will have consequences in subsequent elections. I urge our legislators to adopt strict campaign expenditure limits without any concessions to big money interests on either side of the aisle.

Oregon has not done a very good job at disallowing BIG MONEY (Unions) to buy votes, but now I understand the legislature is moving forward to reduce the constraints on BIG MONEY in politics, namely, to double some of the campaign contribution limits, multiply others exponentially, and delay parts of the bill until 2031, making it worse.