

This major amendment to HB 2178 was posted on OLIS a few minutes ago. It has major problems. I request the opportunity to address the Committee by telephone today about these problems.

The -4 Amendment has these major problems:

1. It retains the part of the underlying bill that lengthens the time for reporting of independent expenditures (IEs) and of contributions to initiative petition and referendum committees from 7 days to 14 days during the entire 42 days before each election.
2. It establishes no 2-day reporting for any IEs at any time, regardless of size.

The -4 Amendment's revision to ORS 260.057(3) leaves reporting at 7 days (or 2 days for \$2,500+) for contributions in candidate races (and measure races, except not for petition committees). But the -4 Amendment does not change any substantive part of page 1 of the underlying bill. **That page changes the reporting time from 7 days to 14 days for independent expenditures (IEs) during the last 42 days. That is not corrected by the -4 Amendment, which also requires no 2-day reporting of IEs.**

Further, page 1 of the bill (not changed by the -4 Amendment) also changes the fastest available reporting period for special elections from 7 days to 14 days. This appears to contradict other provisions in the -4 Amendment.

Further, the -4 Amendment does not change Section 3 of the underlying bill. That section (see page 4 of the bill) changes the reporting time for contributions and expenditures for initiative petition and referendum committees from 7 days to 14 days. Nothing in the -4 Amendment requires any 2-day reporting for those committees.

I urge the Committee not to approve the -4 Amendment and also not lengthen the reporting time for IEs from 7 to 14 days.

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