

## FROM THE DESK OF SAL PERALTA

June 23, 2015

Chair Rosenbaum & members of the committee,

**SB 75-1:**

My name is Sal Peralta. I am writing on behalf of the Independent Party of Oregon, a ballot qualified major political party with 109,000 members statewide.

**We recommend  
further amendment**

We have concerns about the proposed composition of the task force proposed in this legislation.

The -1 amendment creates a task force of 15 people to study the issue of campaign finance reform. It places at least 4 members of the Legislature (2 Democrats and 2 Republicans) and 2 persons (selected by the Secretary of State) to represent the interests of "major parties." Since there are 3 major parties in Oregon, it is easy to envision the total exclusion of IPO from this selection.

The interests of the IPO on the subject of campaign finance reform are far different from those of the Democratic and Republican parties. This was illustrated by IPO's strong support for SJR 5, which did not even earn a vote in this Committee.

Surveys of IPO members show that campaign finance reform is among their highest priorities. IPO's co-chair and Secretary have been among the most active advocates for campaign finance reform in Oregon over the past decade.

But the -1 Amendment could well result in a Task Force on which IPO will have no representation.

We suggest that the -1 Amendment be amended to require that at least one member of the Task Force represent the interests of the IPO and not the interests of the "major parties" generically.

Sincerely,

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