

IPO TESTIMONY ON SB 75

June 25, 2015

Chair Rosenbaum and members of the Committee,

recommendations on SB 75-2 and SB 75-3

My name is Sal Peralta. I am writing on behalf of the Independent Party of Oregon.

I am writing to express my appreciation for the consideration shown to our party by members of this committee and the bill's sponsor in the -2 and -3 amendments.

Both the -2 and -3 amendments meet the policy goals requested in my testimony on the -1 amendment. Of the two amendments, we recommend the -2 or something closer to it, because it guarantees a more balanced committee composition that we believe would make a bi-partisan compromise on "an Oregon solution" to campaign finance a stronger possibility.

(Note that the -3 amendment would allow for a committee that includes 3 members representing 1 major party and 2 members representing the other two.)

As campaign finance is an area that would very easily allow for the majority to permanently disadvantage the minority, we recommend a more balanced approach in negotiation.

We agree that elections have consequences, but we need not remind the committee that the majority party has solid majorities in both chambers and controls the governor's office. Nothing that comes out of the proposed task force is going to pass through the legislature without the support of majority party's leadership and the various related groups.

Best regards,

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