



The League of Women Voters of Oregon, established in 1920, is a grassroots nonpartisan political organization that encourages informed and active participation in government. We envision informed Oregonians participating in a fully accessible, responsive, and transparent government to achieve the common good. LWVOR Legislative Action is based on advocacy positions formed through studies and member consensus. The League never supports or opposes any candidate or political party.

February 23, 2024

To: [Representative Julie Fahey](#), Chair, [House Committee On Rules](#)

Re: [HB 4024-3](#) – False Campaign Finance Limits and Disclosure – **Oppose**

The League of Women Voters of the United States has supported true campaign finance reform with its Positions since 1973. The most recent update of its Positions in 2016 emphasized that campaign finance laws should:

*Enhance political equality for all citizens; ensure maximum participation by citizens in the political process; protect representative democracy from being distorted by big spending in election campaigns; provide voters sufficient information about candidates and campaign issues to make informed choices; **ensure transparency and the public's right to know** who is using money to influence elections; enable candidates to compete equitably for public office; ensure that candidates have sufficient funds to communicate their messages to the public; and combat corruption and undue influence in government.*

We will let others detail the numerous technical defects of this complex 43-page -3 amendment. However, the League believes it represents the worst kind of attempt to abuse the interests of Oregon voters. It was developed quickly in private by [business and labor union special interests](#), who are afraid that they will lose their dominance of campaign finance in Oregon, because Oregon currently has **no limits** on campaign money. These special interests want to head off an initiative petition, IP 9, proposed by good-government groups, which will likely qualify for the November 2024 ballot. Oregon voters are likely to prefer IP 9, and show strong support for true campaign finance reform, as 78% of us did in 2020, for Measure 107. Union interests have also proposed a competing initiative petition, IP 42, that has defects and huge loopholes that are similar to the -3 amendment.

The LWV of Oregon supports IP 9, and the only way we could support a legislative bill is if the good government groups that have sponsored IP 9 would also agree to its passage.

We urge your opposition to HB 4024-3.

Thank you for the opportunity to discuss this legislation.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Rebecca L. Gladstone".

Rebecca Gladstone
President LWVOR

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Norman Turrill
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