

Submitter: Robert Woods
On Behalf Of:
Committee: House Committee On Rules
Measure: HB4024

My name is Robert Woods. I am a resident of the City of Portland.

I am opposed to the proposed political campaign finance legislation being considered by the committee today. Under the guise of campaign finance "reform", the proposed legislation would promote the power of large money interests in the political process. This kind of fake "reform" would be worse than no reform at all, since it would encourage even more cynicism among the concerned public, matching the cynicism of those who are proposing this legislation.

Real reform would limit the power of large money interests, without loopholes that invalidate those "limits". Real reform also would require transparency, so that the public could easily know who is paying for campaign advertisements of all kinds. The proposed legislation does not do these two things.

If the legislature is unable to enact real campaign finance reform legislation, the legislature should continue to do nothing about it and allow the issue to be handled through the initiative process.

Thank you.