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Committee: House Committee On Rules
Measure: HB4024

There is a huge bill scheduled for a hearing on Friday at Noon in the House Rules Committee at the State Capitol HB 4024 a giant campaign finance measure.

Here are some facts:

- The day before the Friday hearing a 43-page amendment to a placeholder bill (Hb 4024) is introduced.
 - It is 43-pages that radically change Oregon's ability to fund candidates.
 - As of near 5:00pm the day before the Friday hearing there was no official state analysis of the bill, leaving citizens in the dark on what the amendment would actually do. The official Staff Measure Summary appeared later that evening. This is 100% anti-transparency antics when politicians hide a surprise 43-page amendment until the night before a hearing so people like you and I can't participate or know what is going on.
 - HB 4024 prohibits certain candidates from accepting donations to their campaigns from a person that are over \$3,300. A PAC can contribute \$5,000. So, organizations are now more important than people.
 - A politicians political party and the politicians political Legislative Caucus are also allowed higher limits of \$10,000 and \$15,000 in certain circumstances.
- The problem with campaign finance regulations:

Donating to your favorite candidate is SPEECH.

When you limit donations you limit SPEECH.

When you limit donations too far you have a system where everyone has free-speech poverty. Progressives love this because it takes power away from everybody and makes them equally powerless and that to them is equality. Just like when progressives overtax everybody, everyone becomes poor — like in Cuba, Russia.