

Submitter: Peter Miller
On Behalf Of:
Committee: House Committee On Rules
Measure: HB4024

To: House Rules Committee
From: Peter Miller
Re: Campaign Finance (HB 2024)
Date: Feb. 22, 2024

I am Peter Miller, resident of Portland, OR since 2007, with a personal interest in campaign finance reform both in Oregon and Nationally.

I appreciate the interest of the Rules Committee in Campaign Finance Reform. However, I have serious reservations about the bill as presently written, as follows:

- 1) Given that business, labor, and elected government officials all have serious conflicts of interest regarding the content of campaign reform, I believe that the any reform will have greater public confidence if proposed in a referendum as opposed to legislative action.
- 2) The content of the bill was made public today, one day before the hearing. This does not give nearly enough time for the public to absorb the content, or to provide input.
- 3) Campaign finance regulations should allow for sufficient funds to adequately reach the public; more than that encourages corruption.
- 4) This bill apparently makes no provision for public matching funds for small-donor campaign, thereby tilting the playing field in favor of candidates able and willing to solicit large donor funds rather than candidates relying on a larger number of small donors.
- 5) It appears at first reading that this bill will allow for well-organized donors to contribute substantially greater amounts of funds than is healthy for the integrity of candidates.

For these reasons, I strongly oppose this bill as written.