

To: House Rules Committee
From: Protect Oregon's Progress
Re: **Please vote NO on HB 4024-5**
Date: March 3, 2024



Chair Fahey, Vice Chair Helfrich, Vice Chair Kropf, Members of the House Committee on Rules,

We are a group of over 100 citizens in Wasco County who pay close attention to local and state politics. We work to support candidates and causes that we believe will lift up our neighbors and help make Oregon a better place for everyone.

HB 4024-5 will NOT do that. It is obvious to all who are paying attention that this is yet another effort to evade the will of the voters who clearly want REAL campaign finance reform.

We have been following the work of a coalition of good government groups for several years and we know what REAL campaign finance reform looks like: It looks like Initiative Petition 9. When we compare IP 9 with HB 4024 (or IP 42 which is suspiciously similar to HB 4024), we can only conclude that either you have been outwitted by the business and labor groups who drafted this bill, or you are working alongside your biggest donors to derail your constituents' efforts to level the playing field and get Big Money out of Oregon politics. We're not sure which is worse.

Maybe you think the -5 amendment, which will send this to the voters alongside IP 9 for a vote in November, is a fair solution, but let's be honest. Big business and labor groups who want to maintain their outsized influence will ignore the spectacular irony and spend tens of millions of dollars to help their measure win, which is exactly why YOU need to do the right thing, the fair thing, now.

Amend HB 4024 to match IP 9, or dump it for this session.

Sincerely,
Debi Ferrer, on behalf of Protect Oregon's Progress