

HB 36 is a Campaign Disclosure bill - directed specifically at those who support and oppose Initiatives.

Yet a few weeks ago, the US Supreme Court issued a ruling on the Bigger Issue of **WHO** can Contribute to all political Campaigns and Issues, federal & state.

And the Answer is : All Bets Are Off. It is wide open and could be a Major Sea Change in Alaska politics very soon.

HB 36 has now become Piece-Meal legislation – a small piece of the Big Pie of campaign contributions in Alaska.

Alaska is An Oil State – that is our Strength,... and it also makes us Vulnerable to Mischief Created by Others.

There are Major Players at work here already – what if someone, or some company wants to Seriously Get Involved in oil taxes - \$10-20 M worth – Can We Restrict that Entity?

As I said, Alaska is an Oil State - If Hugo Chavez and CITCO oil company want to influence state elections – or push initiatives, referendums, or recalls, can we restrict these foreign players or not?

That question is now Wide Open - That's why HB 36 is Piece-meal – and passage without full review could invite campaign mischief through unlimited financing.

Instead, there should be a Bipartisan Taskforce with an Interim Committee of House and Senate members to look at the big picture of campaign finance in Alaska & HB36....
Please hold HB 36 and review it with an Interim Committee.