

SB 478 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Senate Committee On Workforce

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Prohibits principal or non-principal political committees from use of campaign moneys to make payments in connection with nondisclosure agreement relating to workplace harassment. Prohibits public officials or candidates from use of public moneys to make payments in connection with nondisclosure agreement relating to workplace harassment. Prohibits public officials or candidates from using money from third party to make payments in connection with nondisclosure agreement relating to workplace harassment, if alleged harassment occurred when the official or candidate was acting as an official or candidate.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

Oregon law is silent on whether campaign funds or public funds may be used to make payments in connection with nondisclosure agreement relating to workplace harassment. Senate Bill 478 would prohibit the practice. In addition, Senate Bill 478 would prohibits public officials or candidates from using money from any third party to make payments in connection with nondisclosure agreement relating to workplace harassment, if alleged harassment occurred when the official or candidate was acting as an official or candidate.