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Oregon Progressive Party Position on Bill at 2019 Session of Oregon Legislature:

SB 478: Support but should be amended

Dear Committee:

The Oregon Progressive Party supports this bill, which prohibits campaign moneys and public moneys from being used to make payments in connection with nondisclosure agreement relating to harassment in workplace.

While this is desirable, we recommend prohibiting use of campaign funds or public moneys to pay for resolution of complaints about harassment in the workplace, whether or not the resolution includes an explicit nondisclosure agreement. The "nondisclosure" part of such settlements can be implicit, and SB 478 would not forbid use of campaign funds or public money for such settlements that do not include an express nondisclosure agreement.

