



Oregon Secretary of State's Office Testimony on HB 2716

The Secretary of State's Office encourages the committee to consider technical changes to resolve ambiguities and potential administrative issues with the current language in this bill. The policy and fiscal impacts of this bill are currently unclear due to these technical issues. We are glad to work with anyone on improvements. Our campaign finance team compiled the following comments and questions.

- Section (3)(B)(i) which includes radio and TV – would these requirements be in addition to FCC requirements for identification (if any)?
- The exemption in section 4 for advertisements valued less than \$500 is unclear. Is it \$500 or less to a single vendor in a certain time period? Or can someone make separate orders each valued at \$499 and be exempt because each communication is less than \$500. Are the only exemptions for newspaper editorials, printed advertisements, or phone communications?
- In the section that provides for exemptions, it says “committees that are not required to use the electronic filing system adopted under ORS 260.057. Does this mean that if the committee or IE filer is under the threshold of either \$750 or \$3,500, ID is not required on that political material? So if I file a PC7 none of my political material is required to ID showing who paid?
- It seems like the \$500 exemption from including language on who paid for the communication should not include a communication that is a “printed advertisement or communication made via telephone” – in my mind this conflicts with the definition of expenditure in 260.005(6) or if it is an independent expenditure with 260.044. I think (ii) page 2 line 14-15 should only reference the exemptions set forth in 260.007 and the \$500 should be removed.

Due to recent events in our office, our team has not had sufficient time to fully analyze this bill and amendments, so we are likely to have more comments in the future.

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