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○ *The House Committee on Rules and the Senate Committee on Campaign Finance will meet jointly in HR F.*

• Public Hearing

- [HB 2716](#) Requires communications made in support of or opposition to candidate or measure to identify whether candidate, petition committee or political committee authorized communication.
- [HB 2983](#) Requires covered nonprofit to file donor identification list that identifies donors that made donations above specified amount to covered nonprofit if covered nonprofit makes aggregate political expenditures above specified amount.
- [HJR 13](#) Proposes amendment to Oregon Constitution to permit Legislative Assembly, governing body of city, county, municipality or district, or people through initiative process, to enact laws or regulations regulating use of moneys in political campaigns.

HB 2963

Portland had a campaign limit bill, here is what I wrote, it helps explain why we don't like donor limits

**No on Measure 26-200
26-200 makes it harder for ordinary citizens to run as candidates,
while protecting politicians already in office.**

The re-election rate of politicians nationwide has been 95%.

Arbitrary money limits like 26-200 hurt ordinary citizen challenger candidates TWICE as hard than sitting politicians.

Politicians have all the basic money they need because you and I taxpayers pay for their offices, websites, salaries and public relations staff. They get endless free press from the media anytime they want.

Simply put, politicians start every election race far ahead of challengers.

Measure 26-200 blocks ordinary citizens from raising funds necessary to create a level playing field.

Imagine if you were a candidate. Could you produce a TV ad and raise a million dollars through tiny donations as Measure 26-200 requires? You can't! The voice of ordinary candidates will vanish under Measure 26-200.

Sitting politician don't need million dollar TV ads. They can get media attention anytime they want for free because of the office they hold.

Measure 26-200 handicaps ordinary citizens running for office.

The current 95% re-election rate is proof the system is unfair. Measure 26-200 makes it more unfair by punishing ordinary citizen candidates.

Vote No on Measure 26-200

Supreme Court has struck down campaign limitations as a violation of first amendment under Citizens United. Lower courts have also rejected such limitations most recently in Multnomah County in 2016.

This bill could be classified as the incumbent protection act. Limiting ordinary citizens the ability to contribute to a candidate of cause goes against the very spirit of being an Oregonian.