



## **OREGON STATE SENATE**

### **SB 478: No Hush Money for Public Office Holders**

Oregon law is currently silent regarding the use of campaign funds and third party payments for nondisclosure agreements that keep information about harassment concealed from the public. SB 478 addresses this issue very narrowly and (with the requested amendment) applies ONLY to public office holders. These are individuals who are elected to their office, or who are appointed to an office that is normally an elected office.

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#### **Enforcement:**

- Nondisclosure agreements in violation of this law are not enforceable
- The penalty for using campaign funds in violation of this agreement is equal to twice the payment that would be required of the person paid to remain silence if silence was broken