

SJR 18 A -A10 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Senate Committee On Rules

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Meeting Dates: 6/3

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Proposes amendment to Oregon Constitution authorizing regulation of use of moneys in political campaigns. Applies to laws enacted or approved on or after January 1, 2016.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

-A10 Requires that laws limiting political contributions be enacted in a manner that allows candidates and political committees to gather resources necessary for effective advocacy. Refers proposed amendment to next regular general election.

BACKGROUND:

Campaign contributions and expenditures are forms of expression protected by Article I, section 8 of the Oregon Constitution and may not be limited. *Vannatta v. Keisling*, 324 Or. 514 (1997); see also *Buckley v. Valeo*, 424 U.S. 1 (1976) (Campaign expenditures protected by First Amendment to United States Constitution). Disclosure requirements, on the other hand, do not necessarily offend the state or federal constitution. *State v. Moyer*, 348 Or. 220 (2010); *Buckley*.