HB 2983 A   STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Senate Committee On Rules

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Requires certain groups or organizations that accept donations and make certain political communications in excess of specified amount to file, with Secretary of State, list of donors whose donation exceeds $10,000 during election cycle. Excludes donations received from affiliated charitable organization that is tax exempt and donations that may not be used for political communications. Requires organization to update list throughout election cycle. Authorizes Secretary of State to impose civil penalty for failure to file timely and accurate list. Prohibits reimbursing another for providing campaign contribution or donation to organizations subject to disclosure requirements. Modifies definition of "communication in support of or in opposition to a clearly identified candidate or measure." Reduces amount of independent expenditure, from $750 to $250, requiring disclosure in ORESTAR. Establishes procedures for certain election-related investigations. Declares emergency, effective on passage.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

Oregon law requires candidates, political committees and petition committees, as well as individuals and entities that make independent expenditures, to disclose certain information related to campaign contributions and expenditures. House Bill 2983 A requires certain groups and organizations that make political communications in excess of specified amounts (e.g., $25,000 per legislative race) to disclose information related to donations that exceed $10,000. House Bill 2983 A authorizes the imposition of civil penalties to enforce these obligations. In addition, House Bill 2983 A modifies the scope of independent expenditures that must be reported, expands the obligation to maintain election-related records and prohibits reimbursing another person for campaign contributions or donations.