

**SJR 18 A -A11 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY**

**Senate Committee On Rules**

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**Meeting Dates:** 6/3, 6/17

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**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:**

-A11 Authorizes enactment of expenditure limitations, to extent permitted by federal constitution. Expressly requires contribution limits that allow gathering of resources necessary for effective advocacy. Eliminates catch-all authority.

**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*.