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National Study of Anti-Corruption (Nov. 2015) Grades Oregon: **F**

Public Access to Information **F**

Political Financing **F**

Executive Accountability **F**

Legislative Accountability **D-**

Procurement **F**

Lobbying Disclosure **F**

Ethics Enforcement Agencies **F**



Worst States in Political Finance Regulation (2015)

45. North Dakota

46. Virginia

47. Indiana

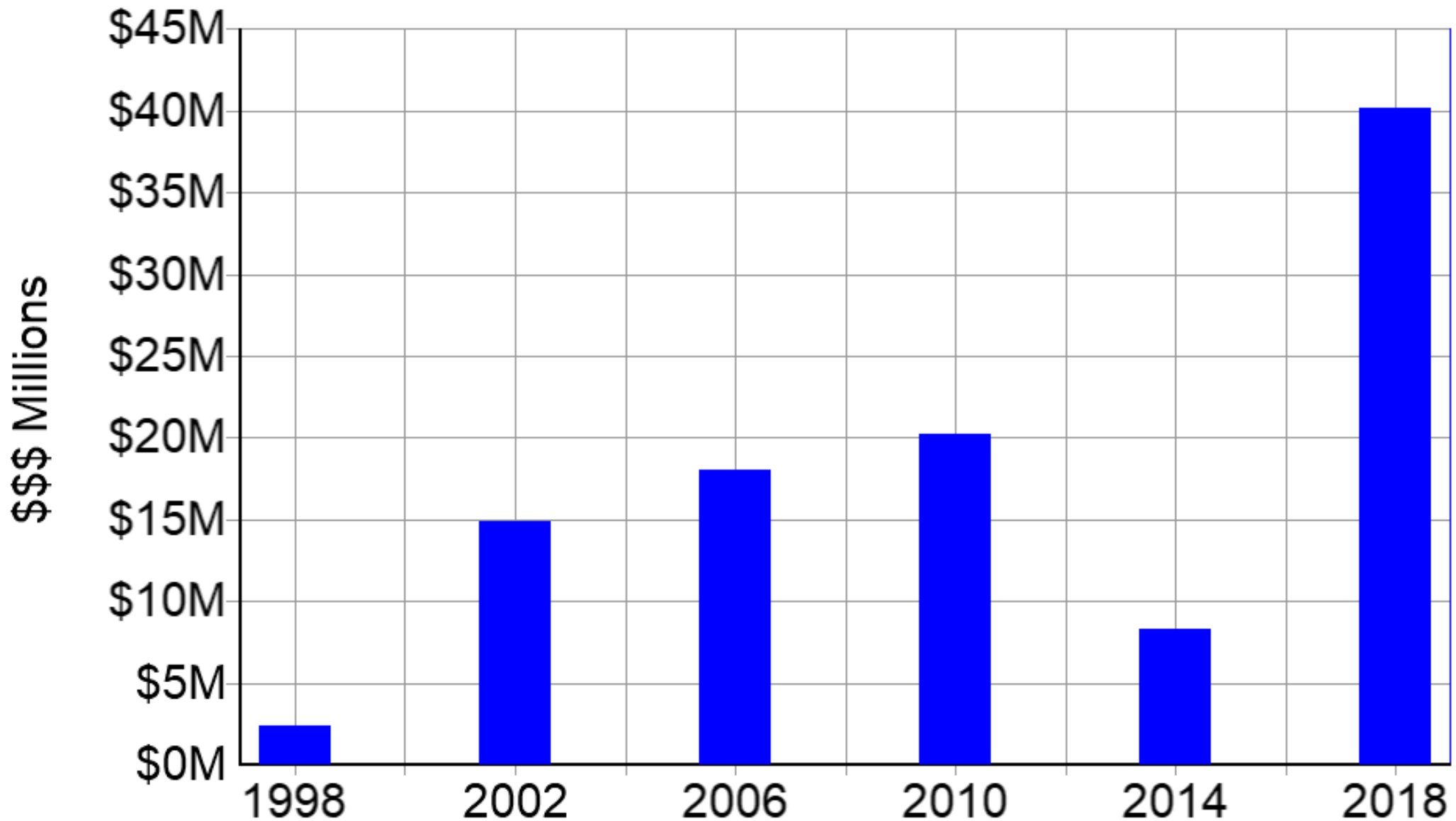
48. Wyoming

49. Oregon

50. Mississippi



Spending on Oregon Governor Races



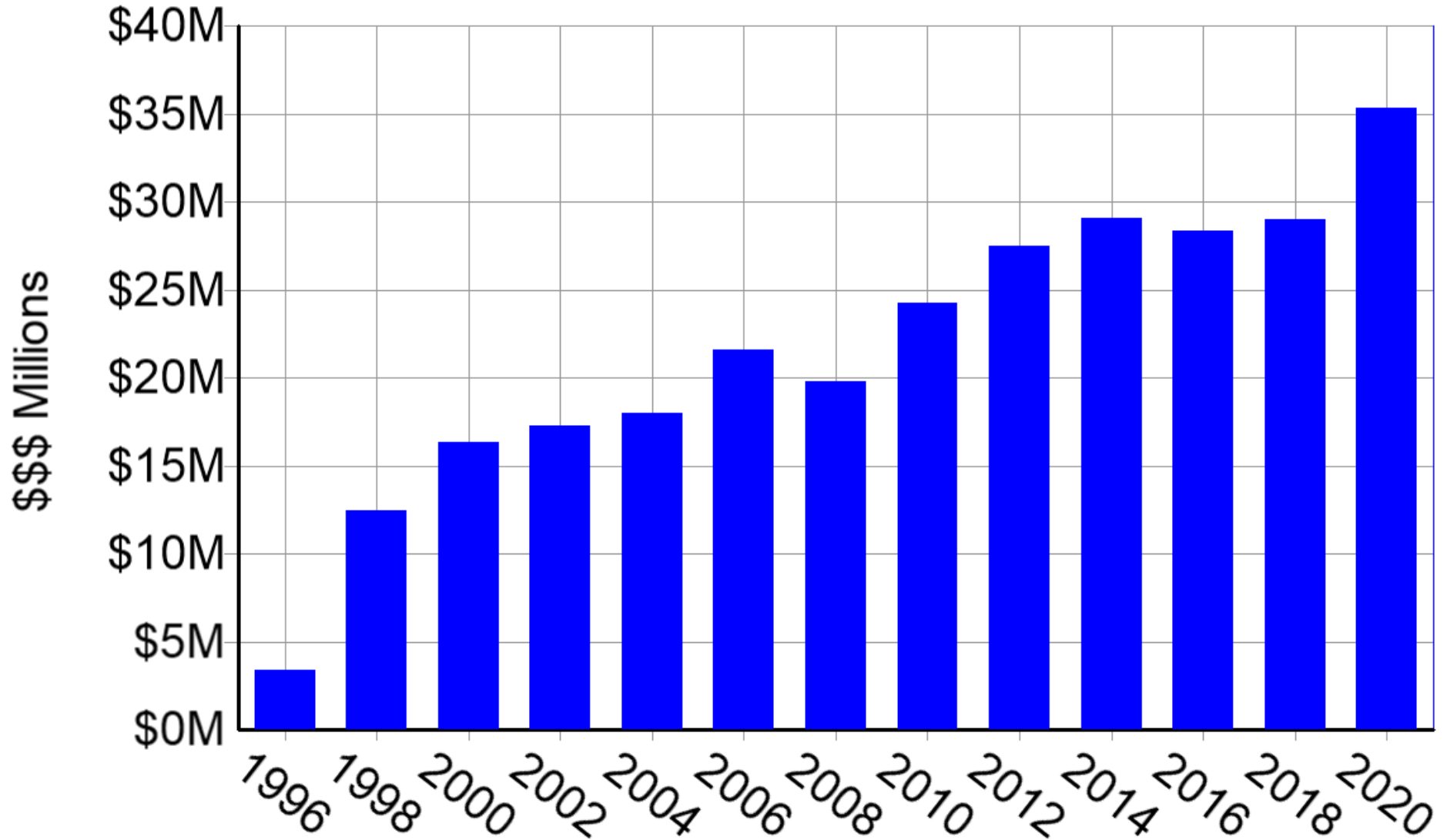
Knute Buehler Contributors 2018

Phil Knight	\$3,425,000	Nike (sports apparel)
Republican Governors Assn	3,361,900	corporations
Oregon Republican Party	1,646,051	corporations
James Young	350,000	Entek Corp. (batteries)
George Austin, Jr.	350,000	A-dec Corp. (dental)
Henry Swigert	283,000	ESCO (mining equip)
Pape Group	256,000	timber cutting, wood products

Kate Brown Contributors 2018

Democratic Governors Assn	2,029,293	corporations, unions, wealthy persons
Defend Oregon's Values	893,000	union PAC
OR Democratic Party	872,000	
Everytown for Gun Safety	750,000	Michael Bloomberg
Oregon League Conservation Voters	750,000	environmental PAC
OR Public Employees 503	653,000	union
Emily's List	825,000	national PAC

Spending on Oregon Legislature Races



Oregon Legislature 2012 – 2020: Average Spending by Top 10 Candidates:

Oregon Senate

2020	\$ 953,311
2018	\$ 664,000
2016	\$ 609,000
2014	\$ 750,000
2012	\$ 550,000

Oregon House

2020	\$ 925,815
2018	\$ 757,000
2016	\$ 825,000
2014	\$ 684,000
2012	\$ 661,500

Big Spenders Win 92-96% in Races for Oregon Legislature

The candidate who spent the most won:

- 96% of the contested seats in 2014**
- 92% of the contested seats in 2016**

Incumbents spent more than challengers:

- 93% of contests in 2014**
- 95% of contests in 2016**

2016 Multnomah County Charter Amendment = 89% “Yes”

Prohibits contributions by corporations and other entities

Limits candidate to receiving \$500 from any individual or PAC

Small Donor Committees can aggregate contributions of \$100 or less and spend as desired

Requires that 5 largest true original sources of funds (of \$500 or greater) be prominently disclosed on political advertisements

2018 Portland City Charter Amendment = 87% “Yes”

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Contribution Limits re Governor

Alaska \$ 500

Colorado \$ 575

Connecticut \$ 250

Delaware \$ 1,200

New Hamp. \$ 1,000

Rhode Is. \$ 1,000

Kansas \$ 2,000

Maine \$ 1,600

Montana \$ 1,990

West Vir. \$ 1,000

Mass. \$ 1,000

Washington \$ 2,000

Contribution Limits to Legislators

Alaska **\$ 500**

Colorado **\$ 200**

Connect. **\$ 250**

Delaware **\$ 600**

Kansas **\$ 500**

Maine **\$ 400**

Montana **\$ 170**

Wisconsin **\$ 500**

Contribution Limit to Legislators: \$1,000 per Person

Florida

Idaho

Massachusetts

Michigan

Minnesota

New Hampshire

Rhode Island

South Carolina

South Dakota


Vermont

Washington

West Virginia

Contribution Limits SB 336 (Golden)


(per election = primary and general are separate elections)

DONORS 	RECIPIENTS					
	Principal candidate committee (non-statewide*)	Principal candidate committee (statewide**)	State party committee	Legislative caucus committee	Multi-legislative candidate committee	Small donor committee
Individuals	\$750 per election	\$2,000 per election	\$2,000 per year	\$2,000 per year	\$200 per election	\$200 per election
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State party committee	\$15,000 per election	\$40,000 per election	zero	\$40,000 per year	zero	\$200 per election
Legislative caucus committee	\$15,000 per election	\$40,000 per election	zero	zero	zero	zero
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* Non-statewide principal candidate committees for state and federal elections are subject to the Golden Rule contribution limit.

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** Statewide principal candidate committee refers to a candidate running for Governor, Secretary of State, State Treasurer, Attorney General or Commissioner of the Bureau of Labor and Industries.

Campaign Finance Reform – Contribution Limits HB 3343 (2021) (Salinas)

(per Election Cycle, except where noted)

Donors	Recipients				
	State-Level Candidate Committee (includes Legislature)	Local Candidate Committee	State Party Committee	Multicandidate Committee	Small Donor Committee
Individual	\$1,000 Statewide \$500 all other	\$500	\$5,000 per year	\$500 per year	\$100 per year
State-Level Candidate Committee (includes Legislature)	\$1,000 Statewide \$500 all other	\$500	\$10,000 per year	\$500 per year	0
Local Candidate Committee	\$500	\$500	\$10,000 per year	\$500 per year	0
State Party Committee (each party gets 1)	\$50,000 Statewide \$10,000 all other	\$10,000	0	0	0
Multicandidate Committee	\$1,000 Statewide \$500 all other	\$500	\$10,000 per year	\$500 per year	0
Small Donor Committee	20-fold of Multicandidate Committee	20-fold of Multicandidate Committee	0	0	0
Oregon Federal Candidate	0	0	0	0	0
Non-Oregon Federal Candidate	0	0	0	0	0

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Statewide principal candidate committee refers to a candidate running for Governor, Secretary of State, State Treasurer, Attorney General, or Commissioner of the Bureau of Labor and Industries.

The bill does not provide for Caucus Committees. A legislative caucus can create a Multicandidate Committee.

An “election cycle” goes from the day after the general election for the public office until and including the date of the next general election for that office.

Campaign Finance Reform – Contribution Limits HB 2714A (2019) (Rayfield) (per election = primary and general are separate)

Donors	Recipients						
	State-Level Candidate Committee	Local Candidate Committee	State Party Committee	Caucus Committee	Recall Committee	Multicandidate Committee	Small Donor Committee
Individual	\$2,800 Statewide \$1,500 Senate \$1,000 House per election	Local Option up to Unlimited	\$5,600 per year	\$2,800 per year	\$2,800 Statewide \$1,500 Senate \$1,000 House per election	\$2,800 per year	\$250 per year
State-Level Candidate Committee	\$2,800 Statewide \$1,500 Senate \$1,000 House per election	Local Option up to Unlimited	Unlimited	Unlimited	\$2,800 Statewide \$1,500 Senate \$1,000 House per election	\$2,800 per year	0
Local Candidate Committee	\$1,000 per election	Local Option up to Unlimited	Unlimited	Unlimited	\$1,000 per election	\$2,800 per year	0
State Party Committee	Unlimited	Unlimited	N/A	Unlimited	Unlimited	\$2,800 per year	0
Caucus Committee	Unlimited	Unlimited	\$2,800 per year	Unlimited	\$2,800 Statewide \$1,500 Senate \$1,000 House per election	\$2,800 per year	0
Multicandidate Committee	\$2,800 Statewide \$1,500 Senate \$1,000 House per election	Local Option up to Unlimited	\$2,800 per year	\$2,800 per year	\$2,800 Statewide \$1,500 Senate \$1,000 House per election	\$2,800 per year	0
Small Donor Committee	Unlimited	Unlimited	0	0	Unlimited	0	Unlimited
Oregon Fed Candidate	0	0	Unlimited	Unlimited	0	0	0
Non-Oregon Fed Candidate	0	0	0	Unlimited	0	0	0

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Non-Oregon Fed Candidate	0	0	0	Unlimited	0	0	0

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Candidate Committee \$\$\$ to Political Parties

HB 2714 (2019) = UNLIMITED for federal, state, and local-level candidate committees

Other States:

- 11 states ban
- 5 states have limits of \$5,400 or less
- 10 states have higher limits (up to \$35,000)

Political Party \$\$\$ to Candidates

HB 2714 (2019): UNLIMITED

Other States:

- 11 states allow only same amounts as an individual can contribute to candidate
- 4 states allow multiple of individual amount (2x – 10x) (Idaho, Mass, Minn, Mont, S. Caro.)
- 13 states have specific limits on contributions by political parties to candidates

Candidate Committees \$\$\$ to Caucus Committee

**HB 2714 (2019) = UNLIMITED
from federal, state and local-level
candidates**

Other States:

- most have no “caucus committees”
- Washington, Alabama, Arkansas, S. Carolina ban such contributions, except from “surplus funds” after election is over

Caucus Committee \$\$\$ to Candidate Committees

HB 2714 (2019) = UNLIMITED

Other States:

- most have no “caucus committees”
- Arkansas limits to \$2,000 to any candidate
- S. Carolina limits to \$3,500 to legislative candidate

Oregon Bribery Statute

ORS 162.015 Bribe giving.

(1) A person commits the crime of bribe giving if the person offers, confers or agrees to confer any pecuniary benefit upon a public servant with the intent to influence the public servant's vote, opinion, judgment, action, decision or exercise of discretion in an official capacity.

(2) Bribe giving is a Class B felony.

Oregon Bribery Statute

ORS 162.025 Bribe receiving.

(1) A public servant commits the crime of bribe receiving if the public servant:

(a) Solicits any pecuniary benefit with the intent that the vote, opinion, judgment, action, decision or exercise of discretion as a public servant will thereby be influenced; or

(b) Accepts or agrees to accept any pecuniary benefit upon an agreement or understanding that the vote, opinion, judgment, action, decision or exercise of discretion as a public servant will thereby be influenced.

Oregon Bribery Statute

ORS 1625 Definitions.

(1) "Pecuniary benefit" means gain or advantage to the beneficiary or to a third person pursuant to the desire or consent of the beneficiary, in the form of money, property, commercial interests or economic gain, **but does not include a political campaign contribution reported in accordance with ORS chapter 260.**