

SB 261 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Senate Committee On Rules

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Prohibits members of Legislative Assembly from soliciting or using contributions to pay fines or legal expenses, replace salary, defray expenses, or otherwise compensate members for monetary losses incurred as result of unexcused absences from sessions of Legislative Assembly. Declares emergency, effective upon passage.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

Oregon Revised Statutes Chapter 260 sets forth how contributions received by candidates, campaign committees, political committees, and petition committees may and may not be used. Contributions may be used to defray any expenses incurred in connection with the recipient's duties as a holder of public office; transferred to any national, state, or local political committee of any political party; contributed to certain charitable organizations; or used for any other lawful purpose. Contributions may not be converted to any personal use other than to defray any expenses incurred in connection with the person's duties as a holder of public office or to repay to a candidate any loan for funds used in connection with the candidate's campaign.

Senate Bill 261 prohibits members of the Legislative Assembly from soliciting or using contributions to pay fines or legal expenses, replace salary, defray expenses, or otherwise compensate members for monetary losses incurred as result of unexcused absences.