

## **HB 2680 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY**

### **House Committee On Rules**

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#### **WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:**

Establishes limits on campaign contributions that may be accepted by candidates and political committees. Requires political committee to identify as caucus, measure, multicandidate, political party, recall, or small donor political committee. Prohibits person from controlling more than one of each committee. Requires Secretary of State (SOS) to adjust dollar amounts of limits and adopt rules. Authorizes SOS and Attorney General to require return of contributions in excess of applicable limits and impose civil penalty up to 150 percent of total amount of contribution that resulted in the limit violation. Repeals Ballot Measure 47 (2006), currently held in abeyance, which establishes limits on political campaign contributions and independent expenditures on candidate races and establishes certain campaign finance disclosure requirements. Becomes operative November 9, 2022.

#### **ISSUES DISCUSSED:**

##### **EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:**

No amendment.

##### **BACKGROUND:**

According to the National Conference of State Legislatures, Oregon is one of five states with no limits on political campaign contributions, along with Alabama, Nebraska, Utah, and Virginia, and is one of 11 states that impose no limits on individual donors.

The passage of Ballot Measure 47 in 2006 technically put contribution limits in Oregon statute, but those limits were deemed not enforceable unless or until the Oregon Constitution was amended or interpreted to allow such limits. Ballot Measure 107, which was referred by Senate Joint Resolution 18 (2019) and approved to voters on November 3, 2020, amended section 8, Article II of the Oregon Constitution to permit the enactment of laws to regulate the use of money in political campaigns. The measure specifically authorizes laws or ordinances, enacted on or after January 1, 2016, that require: (1) limits on contributions as long as resources that are necessary for effective advocacy may be gathered; (2) the disclosure of contributions or expenditures made in connection with political campaigns or to influence the outcome of any election; and, (3) the identification of the persons or entities responsible for political advertisements.

House Bill 2680 establishes limits on campaign contributions that may be accepted by candidates and political committees and repeals the Ballot Measure 47 provisions from statute.