

HB 2680 is so full of loopholes that it will defeat the purpose of HB 3343, which I fully support. I would rather see HB 2680 fail if it cannot be heavily amended. It's critical that:

- a) contributions from for-profit corporations be limited
- b) local governments not be allowed to nullify limits for local candidates
- c) the Democratic and Republican caucuses in the Legislature not be given special rights to receive and give large contributions
- d) the definition of "contribution" should not be changed to allow unlimited contributions to political parties
- e) self funded candidates should be required to disclose how much they are spending on their campaigns
- f) enforcement of campaign finance rules by an entity that is independent of partisan government officials

Frankly, I am pessimistic about current legislators cutting themselves off from the trough. This bill has too many work arounds.