

February 23, 2021



## Oregon Progressive Party Independent Party of Oregon

### Position on Bill at 2021 Session of Oregon Legislature:

#### **SB 463: Oppose**

Dear Committee:

The Oregon Progressive Party (OPP) and Independent Party of Oregon (IPO) oppose this bill, which would create an exception to the statutory limits on gifts from persons with legislative or administrative interests to allow members of the Oregon Legislature and candidates for the Oregon Legislature to accept unlimited quantities of free food and beverages at meals or receptions.

We do not need to allow persons with admitted interests in action by Oregon government bodies to lavish unlimited quantities of delicious food and beverages upon legislators and candidates for the Legislature. Existing law allows anyone with such interest to provide each legislator or candidate with \$50 worth of such delectables per year. If more is needed, perhaps that limit should be increased--but not to infinity, as SB 463 proposes.

And why should legislators and candidates for the Legislature get better treatment than other government officials and candidates? SB 463 would leave those others futilely clamoring for more free food and drink.

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