

SB 224 A STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

House Committee On Rules

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Meeting Dates: 6/4

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

The measure prohibits the Secretary of State (SOS) from publishing on the electronic campaign finance filing system the residence address of any individual associated with a candidate's principal campaign committee, political committee, or petition committee, unless the individual directs the SOS to publish their address. It also subjects these addresses to public record requests and sets an operative date of January 2, 2027.

Fiscal impact: Has minimal fiscal impact

Revenue impact: No revenue impact

Senate Vote: Ayes, 26; Nays, 1

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

In 2005, the Secretary of State (SOS) was required to develop an electronic campaign finance filing system to be used by all candidates and political committees to file their statements of contributions received and statements of expenditures made. The system developed by the SOS to disclose campaign finance activity is called the Oregon Elections System for Tracking and Reporting (ORESTAR). In 2007 and 2013, petition committee treasurers and persons making independent expenditures, respectively, were required to use the system. All statements and data filed are to be made public by the SOS through a searchable database on the internet.

Statements of contribution require that the name, occupation, and address of each person, political committee, or petition committee, and amount contributed, be provided. Statements of expenditure require the amount and purpose of each expenditure, and the city and state of each payee, be included. This information is made public via ORESTAR.

[House Bill 4144 A \(2022\)](#) allowed election workers to exempt their residential address from disclosure as a public record. [House Bill 3073 A \(2023\)](#) limited the public accessibility of a candidate's residence address listed on a nominating petition or declaration of candidacy, and the residence address of a candidate or elected official on the list of registered voters, but kept those addresses subject to public records requests.