74th OREGON LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY - 2007 Regular Session

STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Senate Committee on Rules

REVENUE: No revenue impact FISCAL: No fiscal impact

Action: Do Pass as Amended and Be Printed Engrossed

Vote: 4 - 0 - 1

Yeas: Ferrioli, Monnes Anderson, Nelson, Brown

Nays: 0

Exc.: Johnson

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Meeting Dates: 4/27

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Allows a candidate or treasurer to designate a person to sign and certify a contribution and expenditure statement. Clarifies that a default or violation by a treasurer is considered a default or violation by the candidate or treasurer. Allows a candidate or treasurer to designate a person to receive certain campaign related notices. Requires the filing officer to send notices to a candidate or treasure to the designated person also. Establishes deadlines for legislators to file statements of contributions received during a legislative session. Allows the Secretary of State to charge a fee of \$500 for delivering a statewide list of electors.

MEASURE:

CARRIER:

SB 78 A

Sen. Nelson

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- · Electronic filing of campaign contribution and expenditure statements
- Ability to recruit and retain campaign treasurers
- · Reporting deadlines
- Cost of preparing a statewide list of electors
- · Concern about identity theft

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: Replaces the measure.

BACKGROUND: Prior to the 2005 legislative session, Secretary of State Bill Bradbury appointed the Campaign Finance Disclosure Panel to review Oregon's campaign finance disclosure laws. Oregon does not have campaign finance contribution or spending limits, but relies on full disclosure. The panel made recommendations for the 2005 Legislative Assembly to consider. HB 3458 B, approved last session, combined the work of the campaign finance disclosure panel, members Legislative Assembly, and various stakeholder groups, who proposed numerous solutions to problems with disclosure and reporting laws governing campaign finance.

Oregon has a new contribution and expenditure filing system, ORESTAR, that allows political action committees to file statements electronically. Provisions of SB 78 A allow committees to appoint a proxy filer who would be authorized to file transactions in the same manner as the candidate or treasurer, and the measure extends the electronic filing deadline from 5:00 p.m. to 11:59 p.m.