74th OREGON LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY - 2008 Special Session MEASURE: STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY CARRIER:

Senate Committee on Elections and Ethics

REVENUE: No revenue impact FISCAL: No fiscal impact

Action: Do Pass as Amended and Be Printed Engrossed

Vote: 3 - 2 - 0

Yeas: Courtney, Monnes Anderson, Brown

Nays: Atkinson, Ferrioli

Exc.: 0

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Meeting Dates: 2/5, 2/12

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Requires that out-of-state contributions appear in different colored font than instate contributions on electronic filing system. Requires treasurers for initiatives, referenda or recall petitions to file contribution and expenditure transactions no later than April 1, 2008 for certain transactions. Adjusts ORESTAR reporting deadlines from midnight to 11:59 p.m. Declares emergency, effective on passage.

SB 1071 A

Sen. Brown

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Gap in reporting transactions on ORESTAR
- Delay in reporting transactions when ORESTAR isn't functioning and possible penalties
- Ability of out-of-state people to create in-state political action committees

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: Requires treasurers for initiatives, referenda or recall petitions file contribution and expenditure transactions no later than April 1, 2008 for transactions from October through December 2007. Adjusts the ORESTAR reporting deadline to 11:59 p.m. rather than 12:00 midnight. Adds an emergency clause to the measure.

BACKGROUND: Currently contributions received and expenditures made by campaign treasurers and chief petitioners are publicly accessible on the internet via the ORESTAR reporting system. All contributions are printed in black font or blue hyperlink font. Provisions of SB 1071A require that out-of-state contributions appear in a different color font.

Additionally, changes that occurred in the 2007 Legislative Session created a reporting gap for certain campaign finance transactions occurring October through December 2007. This measure now requires those transactions be reported.

Finally, the current reporting deadline for ORESTAR is midnight which is the first minute of the next day. SB 1071 A modifies the deadline to 11:59 p.m. to prevent late filings on the day after a filing is due.