2009 Regular Legislative Session
FISCAL ANALYSIS OF PROPOSED LEGISLATION
Prepared by the Oregon Legislative Fiscal Office

MEASURE NUMBER: SB 783 **STATUS:** Original
SUBJECT: Petition committee's and campaign financing.
GOVERNMENT UNIT AFFECTED: Secretary of State and Department of Justice
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DATE: April 7, 2009

	2009-2011	2011-2013
EXPENDITURES:		
Information Technology – Secretary of State (General Fund)	$ 87,290	$ 0

EFFECTIVE DATE: July 1, 2009

GOVERNOR'S BUDGET: This bill is not anticipated by the Governor's recommended budget.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT MANDATE: This bill does not affect local governments' service levels or shared revenues sufficient to trigger Section 15, Article XI of the Oregon Constitution.

ANALYSIS: The measure defines the term "petition committee" and directs each petition committee to establish and maintain an account in a financial institution. The petition committee must pay expenditures and deposit contributions using the petition committee account. The treasurer of the petition committee must file a certificate to the Secretary of State if contributions or expenditures for the calendar year will be under $2,000. The measure directs petition committee's to file a statement of organization with the Secretary of State including petition committee account information. The petition committee is not required to file a statement of organization when the amount of contributions or expenditures does not exceed $350. The measure defines restrictions for use of contributions received by a political committee that is not a principal campaign committee and contributions received by a petition committee. The measure has an operative date of January 1, 2010.

As a result of the measure, the Secretary of State will need to make programming changes to the electronic campaign finance reporting system. The changes to the electronic reporting system are required to allow for political action committees the option of designating any individual to receive notices from the Secretary of State, allow for the requirement of petition committee bank account information, and change the minimum amount of contributions or expenditures required for filing of statement of organization. The total cost to Secretary of State is $87,290 of General Fund.

The Department of Justice states that the fiscal impact would be minimal for any legal assistance provided to Secretary of State as a result of this measure.