76th OREGON LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY - 2011 Regular Session STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY Senate Committee on Rules

MEASURE: HB 3112 A CARRIER: Sen. Beyer

REVENUE: No revenue impact	
FISCAL: No fiscal impact	
Action:	Do Pass the A-Engrossed Measure
Vote:	5 - 0 - 0
Yeas:	Atkinson, Beyer, Burdick, Ferrioli, Rosenbaum
Nays:	0
Exc.:	0
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Meeting Dates:	6/7

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Increases maximum amount of contributions and expenditures political committee is allowed to make without filing statements of contributions and expenditures through the Secretary of State's electronic campaign finance filings from \$2,000 to \$3,000.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Complexity of campaign contribution and expenditure requirements
- Costs of low-expenditure campaigns •
- Example of penalty assessed for low-expenditure campaign •

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: No amendment.

BACKGROUND: Current statute requires political committees to file statements of contributions and expenditures (C&E) using the Secretary of State's electronic filing system, unless they certify, by certificate filed with the Secretary of State, that they expect aggregate contributions and expenditures not to exceed \$2,000. House Bill 3112-A increases the \$2,000 limitation to \$3,000.

Additionally, current statute requires political committees to file statements of organization and maintain an exclusive campaign account, unless the candidates are serving as the candidate's own treasurer and neither the total of contributions nor the total of expenditures exceeds \$750. House Bill 3112-A is limited to the requirement for filing C&E statements.