

House Bill 3537

Sponsored by Representative HARKER; Representatives CANNON, FREDERICK, TOMEI

SUMMARY

The following summary is not prepared by the sponsors of the measure and is not a part of the body thereof subject to consideration by the Legislative Assembly. It is an editor's brief statement of the essential features of the measure **as introduced**.

Limits amount that individual may contribute to candidate for public office.

Becomes operative only if amendment to Oregon Constitution allowing regulation of campaign contributions is approved by people at next regular general election.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

1
2 Relating to campaign finance.

3 **Be It Enacted by the People of the State of Oregon:**

4 **SECTION 1. Section 2 of this 2011 Act is added to and made a part of ORS chapter 260.**

5 **SECTION 2. (1) With respect to a single election, an individual may not contribute an**
6 **aggregate amount exceeding \$250 to a candidate for nomination or election to public office.**

7 **(2) For purposes of this section, a contribution to a candidate includes a contribution to**
8 **the candidate's principal campaign committee.**

9 **(3) As used in this section:**

10 **(a) "Public office" does not include a national or political party office.**

11 **(b) "With respect to a single election" means, in the case of a contribution to a candidate**
12 **for public office:**

13 **(A) The next election for nomination or election to that public office after the contribu-**
14 **tion is made; or**

15 **(B) In the case of a contribution made after an election and designated in writing by the**
16 **contributor for a previous election, the election so designated. A contribution may be desig-**
17 **nated for a previous election under this subparagraph if the contribution does not exceed the**
18 **expenditure deficit of the candidate or principal campaign committee of the candidate re-**
19 **ceiving the contribution.**

20 **SECTION 3. Section 2 of this 2011 Act applies to contributions made on or after the op-**
21 **erative date of this 2011 Act.**

22 **SECTION 4. This 2011 Act does not become operative unless the amendment to the**
23 **Oregon Constitution proposed by _____ Joint Resolution _____ (2011) (LC 3868) is ap-**
24 **proved by the people at the next regular general election. If _____ Joint**
25 **Resolution _____ (2011) (LC 3868) is approved by the people, this 2011 Act becomes opera-**
26 **tive on January 1, 2013.**

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NOTE: Matter in **boldfaced** type in an amended section is new; matter [*italic and bracketed*] is existing law to be omitted. New sections are in **boldfaced** type.