



HB 2060: making charities perform real charity

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HB 2060 allows the Attorney General to disqualify charitable organization from receiving tax deductible contributions, if organization failed to expend at least 30% on program services. This a is very low expectation, providing 70% to be spent on fund raising and administration. We would support HB 2060 even it if had a much higher expectation of of actual charitable activities to retain the tax deductibility of donations.

We believe the bill provides charities with ample notice and appeal rights. A charitable organization may appeal the decision within 90 days from the disqualification notice.

If the disqualification order becomes final, they may submit information to the AG, after one year. They may not submit information more than once each year after the initial submission is made.

The Attorney General may decline to issue a disqualification order if the organization establishes that it made payments to affiliates, is accumulating revenue for a specific program purpose consistent with representations in solicitations, or other mitigating circumstances as may be specified by rule of the AG.

We whole heartedly support this bill as a way to reduce the number of fraudulent charities operating in the State of Oregon.