

# House Bill 3290

Sponsored by Representative BUEHLER

## SUMMARY

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Directs Secretary of State to convene work group to make recommendations on establishment of commission to promote and encourage candidates to enter into agreements similar to People's Pledge and otherwise combat independent expenditure advertisements by third party organizations.

Requires secretary to submit report to Legislative Assembly by September 15, 2015.

Sunsets January 2, 2016.

Declares emergency, effective on passage.

## A BILL FOR AN ACT

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2 Relating to combating independent expenditure advertisements by third party organizations; and  
3 declaring an emergency.

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

5 **SECTION 1. (1) The Secretary of State shall convene a work group to determine how to**  
6 **best form a commission to combat independent expenditure advertisements by third party**  
7 **organizations in elections in this state.**

8 **(2) The primary focus of the commission must be on promoting and encouraging candi-**  
9 **dates to enter into agreements similar to the People's Pledge entered into between Scott**  
10 **Brown and Elizabeth Warren in 2012.**

11 **(3) The work group shall study:**

12 **(a) Effective ways of promoting the use of agreements similar to the People's Pledge**  
13 **among candidates for elections in this state;**

14 **(b) The appropriate size and budget of the commission;**

15 **(c) Methods of ensuring that the commission acts and is viewed as a nonpartisan entity;**  
16 **and**

17 **(d) Ways of making agreements entered into by candidates legally enforceable. This**  
18 **should include an analysis of the potential use of binding mediation or arbitration or any**  
19 **other method of resolving disputes between candidates in a quick and cost-effective manner.**

20 **(4) The secretary shall submit a report on the analysis and recommendations described**  
21 **in subsection (1) of this section to the interim legislative committees on rules no later than**  
22 **September 15, 2015.**

23 **SECTION 2. Section 1 of this 2015 Act is repealed on January 2, 2016.**

24 **SECTION 3. This 2015 Act being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public**  
25 **peace, health and safety, an emergency is declared to exist, and this 2015 Act takes effect**  
26 **on its passage.**

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