

# Senate Joint Resolution 205

Sponsored by Senators WHITSETT, KRUSE, GIROD, FERRIOLI, KNOPP, OLSEN; Senators BOQUIST, HANSELL, THATCHER, THOMSEN, WINTERS, Representatives BARRETO, BUEHLER, HACK, HEARD, KENNEMER, MCLANE, WEIDNER, WHISNANT, WHITSETT

## 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**.

Proposes amendment to Oregon Constitution to prohibit public official of this state and principal campaign committee of public official of this state from accepting campaign contributions from organizations with which official has negotiated contract, approved contract, or supervised or approved negotiation of contract, in previous two years.

Refers proposed amendment to people for their approval or rejection at next regular general election.

## JOINT RESOLUTION

**Be It Resolved by the Legislative Assembly of the State of Oregon:**

**PARAGRAPH 1.** Section 8, Article II of the Constitution of the State of Oregon, is amended to read:

**Sec. 8. (1)** The Legislative Assembly shall enact laws to support the privilege of free suffrage, prescribing the manner of regulating[,] and conducting elections, and prohibiting under adequate penalties[,] all undue influence therein[,] from power, bribery, tumult[,] and other improper conduct. [-]

**(2)(a)** For the purpose of preventing quid pro quo corruption or the appearance of quid pro quo corruption, a public official of this state, or the principal campaign committee of a public official of this state, may not accept a campaign contribution from an organization with which the official, acting in the capacity of a public official of this state, has negotiated a contract, approved a contract, or supervised or approved the negotiation of a contract, within the previous two years.

**(b)** This subsection does not affect the ability of the owners or employees of an organization to make a campaign contribution to a public official of this state or to the principal campaign committee of a public official of this state.

**(c)** As used in this subsection:

**(A)** "Organization" means a labor union, for-profit corporation, nonprofit corporation, company, incorporated or unincorporated association, general or limited partnership, society, joint stock company or any other organization or institution.

**(B)** "Public official of this state" means:

**(i)** Any person employed by the State of Oregon, including any person elected to state public office or elected to the office of state Representative or state Senator; and

**(ii)** Any candidate for elected state public office and any candidate for state Representative or state Senator.

**PARAGRAPH 2.** The amendment proposed by this resolution shall be submitted to the

**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.

1 **people for their approval or rejection at the next regular general election held throughout**  
2 **this state.**

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