

SB 225 A STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Carrier: Rep. Barreto

House Committee On Rules

Action Date: 06/13/17

Action: Do Pass the A-Eng bill.

Vote: 9-0-0-0

Yeas: 9 - Barreto, Hack, Holvey, Kennemer, McLane, Nosse, Rayfield, Smith Warner, Williamson

Fiscal: Has minimal fiscal impact

Revenue: No revenue impact

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Establishes treasurer of political or petition committee as individual personally responsible for filing required statements (organization, contribution and expenditure statements). Allows treasurer of petition or political committee to designate voter to be liable for civil penalties for failures to file required statements for committee or for failures to include required information. Takes effect 91st day following adjournment *sine die*.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Aligning liability for filing violations by political and petition committees, with candidate committees

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

Candidates are personally responsible for filing accurate, timely and complete campaign finance statements related to the organization of their candidate committees. Candidates have the option of acting as their own committee treasurer or appointing an individual to serve as committee treasurer. If a candidate appoints a treasurer, the appointed treasurer is responsible for filing campaign finance statements concerning the organization, and expenditures and contributions of the committee, but the candidate is liable for any default or violations of filing requirements. Oregon law does not currently provide similar guidance regarding accountability for defaults and violations made by a political or petition committee.

Senate Bill 225-A permits the treasurer of a political or petition committee to designate an eligible voter to be liable for civil penalties for failures to file required statements or for failures to include required information.