

# House Bill 2449

Sponsored by Representative PARRISH (Pre-session filed.)

## 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**.

Prohibits expenditure of legislative branch funds to support partisan caucus offices. Allocates savings equally to legislative member service and supply accounts. Authorizes members to pool additional moneys to fund additional support, policy or communications staff to support issue-based caucuses. Authorizes presiding officers to distribute unexpended funds among statutory committees. Declares emergency, effective on passage.

## A BILL FOR AN ACT

1  
2 Relating to funding of legislative offices; and declaring an emergency.

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

4 **SECTION 1. (1) Notwithstanding the provisions of any law to the contrary that relates**  
5 **to the financial administration of legislative branch offices and agencies, no amount may be**  
6 **appropriated, allocated or otherwise expended to support partisan caucus offices, except that:**

7 (a) **Legislators may continue to meet based on party affiliation;**

8 (b) **Moneys otherwise allocable to caucus offices may be allocated to member service and**  
9 **supply accounts established pursuant to Senate and House Rules; and**

10 (c) **Members may pool service and supply account moneys together to fund additional**  
11 **support, policy or communications staff to support issue-based caucuses.**

12 (2) **Moneys not expended under subsection (1) of this section may be allocated by the**  
13 **President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives among the statu-**  
14 **tory committees of the Legislative Assembly.**

15 **SECTION 2. This 2017 Act being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public**  
16 **peace, health and safety, an emergency is declared to exist, and this 2017 Act takes effect**  
17 **on its passage.**

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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.