

# House Joint Resolution 17

Sponsored by Representative BUEHLER

## SUMMARY

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Proposes amendment to Oregon Constitution prohibiting corporation, professional corporation, nonprofit corporation or labor organization that has current contract with state from making contribution to any candidate or political committee.

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)** A corporation, professional corporation, nonprofit corporation or labor organization that has a current contract with the state may not make a contribution directly or indirectly from treasury funds to any candidate or political committee.

**(b)** A candidate or the principal campaign committee of a candidate may not accept a contribution prohibited by this subsection.

**(3)** Subsection (2) of this section does not apply to:

**(a)** Contributions from a corporation, professional corporation, nonprofit corporation or labor organization to a political committee organized exclusively to support or oppose a ballot measure.

**(b)** Communications on any subject by:

**(A)** A corporation, professional corporation or nonprofit corporation to the shareholders and executive or administrative personnel of the corporation, professional corporation or nonprofit corporation and the families of the shareholders and executive or administrative personnel of the corporation, professional corporation or nonprofit corporation; or

**(B)** A labor organization to the members of the labor organization and the families of members of the labor organization.

**(c)** Nonpartisan registration and get-out-the-vote campaigns by:

**(A)** A corporation, professional corporation or nonprofit corporation aimed at the shareholders and executive or administrative personnel of the corporation, professional corporation or nonprofit corporation and the families of the shareholders and executive or administrative personnel of the corporation, professional corporation or nonprofit corporation; or

**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       **(B) A labor organization aimed at the members of the labor organization and the families**  
2 **of members of the labor organization.**

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4       **PARAGRAPH 2.** **The amendment proposed by this resolution shall be submitted to the**  
5 **people for their approval or rejection at the next regular general election held throughout**  
6 **this state.**

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