

# House Joint Resolution 32

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## 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 prohibiting publicly financed entities from making contribution in aggregate annual amount of more than \$500 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 publicly financed entity may not make contributions in an aggregate annual amount of more than \$500 directly or indirectly from treasury funds to any candidate or political committee.

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

**(c)** The Legislative Assembly shall by law establish:

**(A)** A certificate that each publicly financed entity must sign when the entity makes a contribution to a candidate or political committee, attesting that the contribution is made in compliance with this subsection; and

**(B)** Criminal penalties for publicly financed entities that knowingly violate the provisions of this subsection.

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

**(a)** Contributions from a publicly financed entity to a political committee organized exclusively to support or oppose a ballot measure.

**(b)** Communications on any subject by a publicly financed entity to the shareholders, executive or administrative personnel or members of the publicly financed entity.

**(c)** Nonpartisan registration and get-out-the-vote campaigns by a publicly financed entity aimed at the shareholders, executive or administrative personnel or members of the publicly financed entity.

**(4)** As used in this section, "publicly financed entity":

**(a)** Except as provided in paragraph (b) of this subsection, means a corporation, limited liability company, labor organization, firm, partnership, joint stock company, club, organ-

**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 ization or other combination of individuals having collective capacity that in the previous  
2 calendar year received more than 50 percent of its gross annual income from contracts with:

3 (A) The state government;

4 (B) The federal government;

5 (C) A political subdivision or agency of the state; or

6 (D) A political subdivision or agency of the federal government.

7 (b) Does not mean a public body, including but not limited to a state government body,  
8 local government body, special government body, public corporation, local service district,  
9 intergovernmental entity formed by a public body with another state or with a political  
10 subdivision of another state, or any intergovernmental entity formed by a public body with  
11 an agency of the federal government.

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