

FISCAL IMPACT OF PROPOSED LEGISLATION

Measure: HB 2714 - 6

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Measure Description:

Enacts limits on campaign contributions that may be accepted by candidates and political committees.

Government Unit(s) Affected:

Secretary of State (SOS), Department of Justice (DOJ), Oregon Judicial Department (OJD), Oregon Government Ethics Commission (OGEC)

Summary of Fiscal Impact:

Costs related to the measure are indeterminate, at this time - See explanatory analysis.

Analysis:

HB 2714 with the -6 amendment limits the sources and amounts of campaign contributions for candidates and political committees. The bill requires political committee to identify as caucus, measure, multicandidate, political party, recall, or small donor political committee. The bill prohibits individuals from controlling more than one of the listed types of committees at one time. The bill authorizes the Secretary of State and the Attorney General to require return of contribution in excess of limits and impose civil penalty up to 150% of excess contribution. Limits become operative December 3, 2020. The bill stipulates that a political committee can only make a contribution to a candidate for state office or the principal campaign committee of a candidate for state office only if the political committee is registered with the Secretary of State as a caucus political committee, a multicandidate political committee, a political party committee, the principal campaign committee of a candidate, a small donor political committee, or a recall political committee. The bill requires the Secretary of State, prior to the start of each election cycle, to adjust the dollar amounts for the contribution limits set forth in the bill. The bill directs the Secretary of State to reorganize as a multicandidate political committee any active political committee that remains organized to operate as a miscellaneous political committee on March 31, 2021.

Secretary of State (SOS)

The fiscal impact of this bill on the Secretary of State is indeterminate. The Secretary of State anticipates expenses related to rulemaking activity, modifications to the ORESTAR system, and Department of Justice fees, but the agency cannot quantify these costs, at this time. Note that it is possible that the costs related specifically to the implementation of the changes required by this bill could be absorbed by current agency staff, pending other changes needed to the agency’s budget in the 2019-21 biennium.

Department of Justice (DOJ), Oregon Judicial Department (OJD), Oregon Ethics Commission (OGEC)

The fiscal impact of this bill on the Department of Justice, the Oregon Judicial Department, and the Oregon Ethics Commission (OGEC) is anticipated to be minimal.