

House Bill 4124

Sponsored by Representative RAYFIELD; Representatives HOLVEY, POWER, WILDE (Presession 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**.

Establishes Task Force on Political Campaign Contribution Limits. Directs task force to study and make recommendations on how to best establish political campaign contribution limits in Oregon.

Sunsets task force on July 2, 2021.

Delays operative date for Ballot Measure 47 (2006) to later of date on which Oregon Supreme Court issues decision that renders Ballot Measure 47 operative or July 1, 2021. Repeals operative date provision if Oregon Supreme Court does not issue a decision that renders Ballot Measure 47 operative on or before July 1, 2021.

Declares emergency, effective on passage.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

1 Relating to campaign finance; and declaring an emergency.

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

3 **SECTION 1. (1) The Task Force on Political Campaign Contribution Limits is established.**

4 **(2) The task force consists of 17 members as follows:**

5 **(a) The President of the Senate shall appoint two members from among members of the**
6 **Senate, one of whom is a Democrat and one of whom is a Republican. The two members**
7 **appointed under this paragraph shall be designated by the President of the Senate to serve**
8 **as cochair and vice cochair of the task force.**

9 **(b) The Speaker of the House of Representatives shall appoint two members from among**
10 **members of the House of Representatives, one of whom is a Democrat and one of whom is**
11 **a Republican. The two members appointed under this paragraph shall be designated by the**
12 **Speaker of the House of Representatives to serve as cochair and vice cochair of the task**
13 **force.**

14 **(c) The two members of the Legislative Assembly appointed as cochairs of the task force**
15 **under paragraphs (a) and (b) of this subsection shall jointly appoint:**

16 **(A) Five members to represent the interests of political parties in Oregon, with at least**
17 **one member representing each of the major political parties in Oregon.**

18 **(B) One member to represent the interests of electors who are not affiliated with any**
19 **political party.**

20 **(C) One member to represent the interests of not-for-profit corporations that are tax**
21 **exempt under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code. The member appointed under**
22 **this subparagraph must be from a corporation that does not have an organizational affil-**
23 **iation with a not-for-profit corporation that is tax exempt under section 501(c)(4) of the**
24 **Internal Revenue Code.**

25 **(D) One member to represent the interests of organizations that focus on campaign fi-**
26 **nance reform.**
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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.

1 (E) One member to represent the interests of not-for-profit corporations that are tax
2 exempt under section 501(c)(4) of the Internal Revenue Code.

3 (F) One member to represent the interests of for-profit organizations.

4 (G) One member to represent the interests of nonprofit organizations that focus on voter
5 registration.

6 (H) Two members to represent the interests of underrepresented communities.

7 (3) The task force shall study the implementation and effectiveness of political contribu-
8 tion limits across the United States and make recommendations on how to best establish
9 effective political contribution limits in Oregon. The task force shall seek to ensure that any
10 political contribution limits recommended:

11 (a) Ensure that voters will receive adequate information to make informed decisions;

12 (b) Reduce barriers for candidates to run for elected office; and

13 (c) Reduce the impacts of big money in politics.

14 (4) A majority of the voting members of the task force constitutes a quorum for the
15 transaction of business.

16 (5) Official action by the task force requires the approval of a majority of the voting
17 members of the task force.

18 (6) If there is a vacancy for any cause, the appointing authority shall make an appoint-
19 ment to become immediately effective.

20 (7) The task force shall meet at times and places specified by the call of the cochairs or
21 of a majority of the voting members of the task force.

22 (8) The task force may adopt rules necessary for the operation of the task force.

23 (9) The task force shall submit a report detailing its findings and recommendations in the
24 manner provided by ORS 192.245, and may include recommendations for legislation, to the
25 interim committees of the Legislative Assembly related to rules no later than September 15,
26 2020.

27 (10) The Legislative Policy and Research Director shall provide staff support to the task
28 force.

29 (11) Members of the task force who are not members of the Legislative Assembly are not
30 entitled to compensation, but may be reimbursed for actual and necessary travel and other
31 expenses incurred by them in the performance of their official duties in the manner and
32 amounts provided for in ORS 292.495. Claims for expenses incurred in performing functions
33 of the task force shall be paid out of funds appropriated to the Legislative Assembly for
34 purposes of the task force.

35 (12) All agencies of state government, as defined in ORS 174.111, are directed to assist
36 the task force in the performance of the duties of the task force and, to the extent permitted
37 by laws relating to confidentiality, to furnish information and advice the members of the task
38 force consider necessary to perform their duties.

39 **SECTION 2.** Section 1 of this 2020 Act is repealed on July 2, 2021.

40 **SECTION 3.** The provisions set forth in chapter 3, Oregon Laws 2007 (Ballot Measure 47
41 (2006)), become operative on the later of:

42 (1) The date on which the Oregon Supreme Court issues a decision that renders chapter
43 3, Oregon Laws 2007, operative; or

44 (2) July 1, 2021.

45 **SECTION 4.** If the Oregon Supreme Court does not issue a decision that renders chapter

1 **3, Oregon Laws 2007 (Ballot Measure 47 (2006)), operative on or before July 1, 2021, section**
2 **3 of this 2020 Act is repealed on July 2, 2021.**

3 **SECTION 5. This 2020 Act being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public**
4 **peace, health and safety, an emergency is declared to exist, and this 2020 Act takes effect**
5 **on its passage.**

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