

# A-Engrossed House Bill 4018

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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. The statement includes a measure digest written in compliance with applicable readability standards.

**Digest: The Act changes laws about campaign money. (Flesch Readability Score: 66.7).**

*[Digest: The Act tells the SOS to study elections. (Flesch Readability Score: 82.3).]*

*[Requires the Secretary of State to study elections. Directs the Secretary of State to submit findings to the interim committees of the Legislative Assembly related to elections no later than September 15, 2027.]*

*[Sunsets on January 2, 2028.]*

**Modifies the timelines for the enactment of certain campaign finance regulations. Modifies the names of certain political committees. Modifies provisions related to in-kind contributions and provisions related to campaign funds that may be carried forward. Temporarily reenacts previously repealed provisions related to covered organizations. Permits corporations and labor unions to establish separate, segregated funds that operate like political committees. Modifies specified deadlines regarding certain filings. Permits a person to cure a violation of election laws.**

**Declares an emergency, effective on passage.**

## A BILL FOR AN ACT

1  
2 Relating to elections; creating new provisions; amending ORS 260.005, 260.007, 260.009, 260.014,  
3 260.016, 260.018, 260.021, 260.041, 260.042, 260.044, 260.059, 260.061, 260.083, 260.205, 260.232,  
4 260.266, 260.268, 260.345, 260.402, 260.416 and 260.995 and sections 7, 14 and 23, chapter 9,  
5 Oregon Laws 2024; repealing ORS 260.006; and declaring an emergency.

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

7 **SECTION 1.** ORS 260.009 is amended to read:

8 260.009. *[(1)(a) For purposes of the contribution limits established in ORS 260.014 and 260.016,*  
9 *contributions made or donations received by multiple membership organizations are considered to be*  
10 *made or received by a single membership organization, if the membership organizations are estab-*  
11 *lished, financed, maintained or controlled by the same person or substantially the same group of per-*  
12 *sons, including any parent, subsidiary, branch, division, department or local unit of the person or*  
13 *group of persons.]*

14 *[(b) Notwithstanding paragraph (a) of this subsection, the same person acting as a director or of-*  
15 *ficer of two or more membership organizations is not by itself sufficient to consider contributions made*  
16 *or donations received by the membership organizations to be contributions made or received by a single*  
17 *membership organization.]*

18 *[(c) Notwithstanding paragraph (a) of this subsection, membership organizations may not be con-*  
19 *sidered established, financed, maintained or controlled by the same person or within the same group*  
20 *of persons if the membership organizations have the authority to make independent decisions as to*

**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 *which candidates, if any, to support or oppose.]*

2 [(2)] A membership organization may make political contributions directly or through a mem-  
3 bership organization political committee, but may not make aggregate contributions that exceed the  
4 contribution limits of ORS 260.014 [*and 260.016*].

5 **SECTION 1a.** ORS 260.009, as amended by section 1 of this 2026 Act, is amended to read:

6 260.009. (1)(a) **For purposes of the contribution limits established in ORS 260.014, contri-**  
7 **butions made by multiple membership organizations are considered to be made by a single**  
8 **membership organization, if the membership organizations are established, financed, main-**  
9 **tained or controlled by the same person or substantially the same group of persons, including**  
10 **any parent, subsidiary, branch, division, department or local unit of the person or group of**  
11 **persons.**

12 (b) **Notwithstanding paragraph (a) of this subsection, the same individual acting as a di-**  
13 **rector or officer of two or more membership organizations is not by itself sufficient to con-**  
14 **sider contributions made by the membership organizations to be contributions made by a**  
15 **single membership organization.**

16 (c) **Notwithstanding paragraph (a) of this subsection, membership organizations may not**  
17 **be considered to be established, financed, maintained or controlled by the same person or**  
18 **within the same group of persons if the membership organizations have the authority to**  
19 **make independent decisions as to which candidates, if any, to support or oppose.**

20 (2) A membership organization may make political contributions directly or through a member-  
21 ship organization political committee, but may not make aggregate contributions that exceed the  
22 contribution limits of ORS 260.014.

23 **SECTION 2.** ORS 260.014 is amended to read:

24 260.014. (1)(a) A candidate [*for state office or*], the principal campaign committee of a candidate  
25 [*for state office*] **or a political committee** may accept contributions only from the sources and in the  
26 amounts described in this section.

27 (b) An in-kind contribution under this section may only be made by a contributor that is au-  
28 thorized to make a contribution under this chapter and may only be received by a political com-  
29 mittee.

30 (c) Except as provided in paragraph (d) of this subsection, the limits on aggregate contributions  
31 that may be accepted by a candidate or the principal campaign committee of a candidate for the  
32 office of state Representative under this section also apply to a candidate or the principal campaign  
33 committee of a candidate for any public office that is not a state office.

34 (d)(A) Any local government that, as of January 1, 2024, had a system of contribution limits in  
35 effect for local elections may maintain or adopt contribution limits that are lower than those re-  
36 quired by this section and may limit the sources that may make contributions to candidates in local  
37 elections, except that a local government system of contribution limits described in this subpara-  
38 graph must permit small donor political committees to accept contributions from individuals of up  
39 to \$250 per **calendar** year, as provided in subsection (8)(a) of this section.

40 (B) For any local government that is not described in subparagraph (A) of this paragraph:

41 (i) Except as provided in subsection (8)(a) of this section, a local government may adopt contri-  
42 bution limits that are lower than those required by this section for elections of the local govern-  
43 ment.

44 (ii) Any contribution limits adopted by a local government under this subparagraph must allow  
45 a candidate or the principal campaign committee of a candidate for an election contest of the local

1 government to accept contributions from any political committee from which a candidate or the  
2 principal campaign committee of a candidate for the office of state Representative may accept con-  
3 tributions under subsection (2)(a) of this section.

4 (C) Any local government may provide public funding for campaigns for local government public  
5 office that are not subject to contribution limits under this section [*or ORS 260.016*].

6 (2) A candidate or the principal campaign committee of a candidate for the office of state Rep-  
7 resentative, state Senator, circuit court judge or district attorney **may not accept aggregate con-**  
8 **tributions in excess of:**

9 (a) [*May not accept aggregate contributions in excess of*] \$3,300 per election from a person.

10 (b) [*May not accept aggregate contributions in excess of*] \$2,000 per election from a [*candidate*  
11 *political*] **principal campaign committee of another candidate.**

12 (c) [*May not accept aggregate contributions in excess of*] \$5,000 per election cycle from a multi-  
13 candidate political committee.

14 (d) [*May not accept aggregate contributions in excess of*] \$15,000 per election from a political  
15 party **multicandidate** committee.

16 (e) [*May not accept aggregate contributions in excess of*] \$15,000 per election from a legislative  
17 caucus **political** committee.

18 (f) [*May not accept aggregate contributions from a membership organization or membership or-*  
19 *ganization political committee per election in excess of \$3,300 times four*] **The amount set forth un-**  
20 **der paragraph (a) of this subsection times four per election from a membership organization**  
21 **or membership organization political committee.**

22 (g) [*May not accept aggregate contributions per election from a small donor political committee in*  
23 *excess of*] \$5 times the number of [*donors*] **contributors** to the small donor political committee **per**  
24 **election from a small donor political committee.**

25 (3) A candidate or the principal campaign committee of a candidate for a state office not de-  
26 scribed in subsection (2) of this section **may not accept aggregate contributions in excess of:**

27 (a) [*May not accept aggregate contributions in excess of*] \$3,300 per election from a person.

28 (b) [*May not accept aggregate contributions in excess of \$2,000 per election cycle from a candidate*  
29 *political committee*] **\$2,000 per election from a principal campaign committee of another candi-**  
30 **date.**

31 (c) [*May not accept aggregate contributions in excess of*] \$5,000 per election cycle from a multi-  
32 candidate political committee.

33 (d) [*May not accept aggregate contributions in excess of*] \$30,000 per election from a political  
34 party **multicandidate** committee.

35 (e) [*May not accept aggregate contributions in excess of*] \$30,000 per election from a legislative  
36 caucus **political** committee.

37 (f) [*May not accept aggregate contributions*] **The amount set forth under paragraph (a) of this**  
38 **subsection times eight per election** from a membership organization or membership organization  
39 political committee [*per election in excess of \$3,300 times eight*].

40 (g) [*May not accept aggregate contributions per election from a small donor political committee in*  
41 *excess of*] \$10 times the number of [*donors*] **contributors** to the small donor political committee **per**  
42 **election from a small donor political committee.**

43 (4) A multicandidate political committee **may not accept aggregate contributions in excess**  
44 **of:**

45 (a) [*May not accept aggregate contributions in excess of*] \$5,000 per [*election cycle*] **year** from a

1 person.

2 (b) *[May not accept aggregate contributions in excess of]* \$5,000 per year from a *[candidate political*  
3 *committee]* **principal campaign committee of a candidate.**

4 (c) *[May not accept aggregate contributions in excess of]* \$5,000 per year from another multicand-  
5 didate political committee.

6 (d) *[May not accept aggregate contributions in excess of]* \$5,000 per *[election cycle]* **year** from a  
7 political party **multicandidate** committee.

8 (e) *[May not accept aggregate contributions in excess of]* \$5,000 per year from a legislative caucus  
9 **political** committee.

10 (f) *[May not accept aggregate contributions from a membership organization or membership or-*  
11 *ganization political committee in excess of]* \$5,000 per year **from a membership organization or**  
12 **membership organization political committee.**

13 (g) *[May not accept aggregate contributions from a small donor political committee per election in*  
14 *excess of]* \$5,000 per year **from a small donor political committee.**

15 (5) A political party **multicandidate** committee **may not accept aggregate contributions in**  
16 **excess of:**

17 (a) *[May not accept aggregate contributions in excess of]* \$10,000 per year from a person.

18 (b) *[May not accept aggregate contributions in excess of]* \$5,000 per year from a *[candidate political*  
19 *committee]* **principal campaign committee of a candidate.**

20 (c) *[May not accept aggregate contributions in excess of]* \$15,000 per year from a multicandidate  
21 political committee.

22 (d) *[May not accept aggregate contributions in excess of]* \$15,000 per year from another political  
23 party **multicandidate** committee.

24 (e) *[May not accept aggregate contributions in excess of]* \$15,000 per year from a legislative  
25 caucus **political** committee.

26 (f) *[May not accept aggregate contributions in excess of]* \$10,000 per year from a membership or-  
27 ganization or membership organization political committee.

28 (g) *[May not accept aggregate contributions from a small donor political committee in excess of]*  
29 \$10,000 per year **from a small donor political committee.**

30 (6) A legislative caucus **political** committee **may not accept aggregate contributions in ex-**  
31 **cess of:**

32 (a) *[May not accept aggregate contributions in excess of]* \$10,000 per year from a person.

33 (b) *[May not accept aggregate contributions in excess of]* \$5,000 per year from a *[candidate political*  
34 *committee]* **principal campaign committee of a candidate.**

35 (c) *[May not accept aggregate contributions in excess of]* \$15,000 per year from a multicandidate  
36 political committee.

37 (d) *[May not accept aggregate contributions in excess of]* \$15,000 per year from a political party  
38 **multicandidate** committee.

39 (e) *[May not accept aggregate contributions in excess of]* \$15,000 per year from another legislative  
40 caucus **political** committee.

41 (f) *[May not accept aggregate contributions in excess of]* \$10,000 per year from a membership or-  
42 ganization or membership organization political committee.

43 (g) *[May not accept aggregate contributions from a small donor political committee in excess of]*  
44 \$10,000 per year **from a small donor political committee.**

45 (7) Contributions to a measure political committee, **recall political committee or an inde-**

1 **pendent expenditure-only political committee** are not limited under this section.

2 (8)(a) A small donor political committee:

3 (A) May not accept contributions in excess of \$250 per **calendar** year from an individual.

4 (B) May not accept contributions from a [*candidate political committee*] **principal campaign**  
5 **committee of a candidate, independent expenditure-only political committee**, multicandidate  
6 political committee, political party **multicandidate** committee, legislative caucus **political** commit-  
7 tee, [*or a*] membership organization, **measure political committee, membership organization**  
8 **political committee, recall political committee or a petition committee**.

9 (C) May not accept contributions from another small donor political committee.

10 (b) The number of [*donors*] **contributors** to a small donor political committee [*shall*] **must** be  
11 determined by the number of unique individuals who have [*donated*] **contributed** funds to the com-  
12 mittee during the [*election cycle*] **calendar year** in which the small donor political committee [*do-*  
13 *nation*] **contribution** is made.

14 (9) A membership organization:

15 (a) May accept unlimited donations from a person and from another membership organization  
16 or membership organization political committee.

17 (b) May not accept donations from a [*candidate political committee*] **principal campaign com-**  
18 **mittee of a candidate**, multicandidate political committee, political party **multicandidate** commit-  
19 tee, legislative caucus **political** committee or a small donor political committee.

20 [(10) *A donor may not make a contribution, or an aggregate of contributions during an applicable*  
21 *limitation period, to a recipient that exceeds the amount a recipient could accept under the limitations*  
22 *of subsections (2) to (9) of this section. This subsection does not apply to in-kind contributions described*  
23 *in ORS 260.016 (2).]*

24 [(11)(a) *A political committee may make a contribution to a candidate for state office or the prin-*  
25 *icipal campaign committee of a candidate for state office only if the political committee is registered with*  
26 *the Secretary of State as a multicandidate political committee, a political party multicandidate commit-*  
27 *tee, a legislative caucus committee, a membership organization political committee, the principal cam-*  
28 *campaign committee of a candidate or a small donor political committee.]*

29 [(b) *A measure political committee or recall political committee may not make a contribution to a*  
30 *candidate or the principal campaign committee of a candidate for a state office.]*

31 [(12)(a) *A membership organization may make in-kind contributions of up to 12 months per year*  
32 *of full-time staff equivalence for a campaign for the office of state Representative or state Senator and*  
33 *may make in-kind contributions of up to 36 months per year of full-time staff equivalence for a cam-*  
34 *campaign for statewide elected office, provided that the staff time is limited to administrative support, direct*  
35 *voter contact, community organizing, community outreach and staff support for direct voter contact,*  
36 *community organizing or community outreach activities.]*

37 [(b) *The organization must measure full-time staff equivalence from staff or members of the organ-*  
38 *ization who attest that they are not currently employed as pollsters, political consultants or candidate*  
39 *campaign strategists and that they have not served as a pollster, political consultant or candidate*  
40 *campaign strategist for at least the previous 18 months.]*

41 [(c) *The organization must be solely responsible for the pay, benefits, employment status and other*  
42 *human resources of every staff person or member of the organization facilitating contributions under*  
43 *this subsection.]*

44 [(d) *The Secretary of State shall by rule define “administrative support,” “community organizing,”*  
45 *“community outreach,” “direct voter contact” and “staff support” for purposes of this subsection.]*

1       [(13) *Nothing in this section limits the amount a candidate may contribute from the candidate's*  
2 *personal funds to the candidate or the principal campaign committee of the candidate.*]

3       [(14)(a) *For purposes of the contribution limits established in this section, contributions made or*  
4 *received by multiple political committees are considered to be made or received by a single political*  
5 *committee if:*]

6       [(A) *The political committees have filed to operate as the same type of political committee under*  
7 *ORS 260.042; and*]

8       [(B) *The political committees are established, financed, maintained or controlled by the same person*  
9 *or substantially the same group of persons, including any parent, subsidiary, branch, division, depart-*  
10 *ment or local unit of the person or group of persons.*]

11       [(b) *Notwithstanding paragraph (a) of this subsection, independent businesses, entities, affiliates or*  
12 *local groups of any structure operating under the same corporate family or umbrella organization may*  
13 *not be considered established, financed, maintained or controlled by the same person or within the same*  
14 *group of persons if the independent businesses, entities, affiliates or local groups have the authority to*  
15 *make independent decisions as to which candidate, if any, to support or oppose.*]

16       [(c) *Notwithstanding paragraph (a) of this subsection, having the same person acting as the treas-*  
17 *urer of two or more political committees is not by itself sufficient to consider contributions made by the*  
18 *political committees to be contributions made or received by a single political committee.*]

19       [(15) *For purposes of the contribution limits established in this section, contributions made by*  
20 *multiple persons are considered to be made or received by a single person if the persons are estab-*  
21 *lished, financed, maintained or controlled by the same person or substantially the same group of per-*  
22 *sons, including any parent, subsidiary, branch, division, department or local unit of the person or*  
23 *group of persons.*]

24       [(16)(a) *For purposes of candidate contributions, clubs, societies, associations, organizations or*  
25 *anonymous limited liability companies are not authorized contributors.*]

26       [(b) *This subsection does not apply to membership organizations.*]

27       [(17) *A candidate seeking a minor party nomination shall be considered to be participating in the*  
28 *primary election for the purposes of the contribution limits established in this section.*]

29       [(18) *The Secretary of State may adopt rules necessary to implement this section.*]

30       **(10) A candidate, or the principal campaign committee of a candidate, may not accept a**  
31 **contribution from another candidate or from a principal campaign committee of a candidate**  
32 **or a political committee unless the committee files a statement of organization in the man-**  
33 **ner set forth in ORS 260.042.**

34       **(11)(a)(A) In addition to the contribution limits described in subsections (2) and (3) of this**  
35 **section, a candidate or the principal campaign committee of a candidate may receive in-kind**  
36 **contributions of staff time from a membership organization or a membership organization**  
37 **political committee in the following amounts:**

38       **(i) To a candidate or the principal campaign committee of a candidate for the office of**  
39 **state Representative or state Senator, not to exceed 2,080 staff hours per calendar year.**

40       **(ii) To a candidate or the principal campaign committee of a candidate for a state office**  
41 **that is not state Representative or state Senator, not to exceed 6,240 staff hours per calendar**  
42 **year.**

43       **(iii) To a candidate or the principal campaign committee of a candidate for a public office**  
44 **that is not a national or state office, not to exceed 2,080 staff hours per calendar year.**

45       **(B) In-kind contributions of staff time provided under this paragraph must be limited to**

1 administrative support, direct voter contact, community organizing, community outreach  
2 and staff support for direct voter contact, community organizing or community outreach  
3 activities, including any staff time associated with the creation, production or distribution  
4 of communications in relation to the activities described in this subparagraph.

5 (b) The staff time of a staff person or member of a membership organization or a mem-  
6 bership organization political committee may be contributed by a membership organization  
7 or a membership organization political committee under this subsection only if the staff  
8 person or member attests that the staff person or member is not currently employed as a  
9 pollster, political consultant or candidate campaign strategist and that the staff person or  
10 member has not served as a pollster, political consultant or candidate campaign strategist  
11 in the previous 18-month period.

12 (c) The membership organization political committee or the membership organization  
13 that formed the membership organization political committee making the in-kind contribu-  
14 tion shall be solely responsible for the pay, benefits, employment status and other human  
15 resources of every staff person or member of the organization whose staff time is contrib-  
16 uted under this subsection.

17 (d) The Secretary of State shall define by rule the terms “administrative support,”  
18 “community organizing,” “community outreach,” “direct voter contact” and “staff support”  
19 for purposes of this subsection.

20 (12)(a) In addition to the contribution limits described in subsections (2), (3) and (11) of  
21 this section, a candidate or the principal campaign committee of a candidate may receive  
22 in-kind contributions not to exceed the amounts described in this subsection from any person  
23 or entity otherwise authorized to make a contribution under this section.

24 (b)(A) A candidate or the principal campaign committee of a candidate may accept:

25 (i) Without limitation:

26 (I) In-kind contributions of child care, elder care, interpretation or translation services.

27 (II) Legal services related to advising a candidate on compliance with election laws.

28 (III) Legal services related to representing the candidate in responding to or defending  
29 against a complaint that has been filed against the candidate alleging a violation of election  
30 laws.

31 (ii) In-kind contributions of office space, including conference rooms and other utility  
32 areas associated with office space, not to exceed 2,500 square feet per calendar year.

33 (B) The amount of incidental costs incurred by the contributor in connection with pro-  
34 viding in-kind contributions described in this paragraph may not exceed \$1,000 per calendar  
35 year.

36 (c) A candidate or the principal campaign committee of a candidate for all offices except  
37 a state office subject to the contribution limits set forth in subsection (3) of this section may  
38 receive in-kind contributions not to exceed the amounts described in this paragraph from any  
39 person or entity otherwise authorized to make a contribution under this section:

40 (A) Food and beverages, \$2,500 per calendar year.

41 (B) Transportation costs, \$2,500 per calendar year.

42 (d) A candidate or the principal campaign committee of a candidate for a state office  
43 subject to the contribution limits set forth in subsection (3) of this section may receive in-  
44 kind contributions not to exceed the amounts described in this paragraph from any person  
45 or entity otherwise authorized to make a contribution under this section:

1 (A) Food and beverages, \$5,000 per calendar year.

2 (B) Transportation costs, \$5,000 per calendar year.

3 (13) A measure political committee may not make expenditures in support of or in op-  
4 position to a candidate.

5 (14) At the end of each even-numbered year, the Secretary of State shall adjust the dollar  
6 amounts set forth in this section based on the cumulative change in the Consumer Price  
7 Index for All Urban Consumers, West Region (All Items), as published by the Bureau of La-  
8 bor Statistics of the United States Department of Labor, or its successor. The adjustments  
9 performed under this subsection must be rounded to the nearest \$10 increment.

10 (15) Nothing in this section limits the amount a candidate may contribute from the  
11 candidate's personal funds to the candidate or the principal campaign committee of the  
12 candidate.

13 (16)(a) An in-kind contribution to, or coordinated expenditures with, a candidate, other  
14 than independent expenditures made by that person to support or oppose a candidate, may  
15 not be deemed to be coordinated so long as that person complies with the requirements of  
16 this subsection.

17 (b) To comply with this subsection, the person must:

18 (A) Separate the person's staff persons that provide in-kind contributions or coordinated  
19 expenditures from other staff persons that make decisions about independent expenditures  
20 that support or oppose a candidate.

21 (B) Prohibit the person's owners, executives, managers and supervisors from simultane-  
22 ously overseeing the decisions made by staff that are separated under subparagraph (A) of  
23 this paragraph regarding contributions and expenditures. The owners, executives, managers  
24 and supervisors may participate in decisions regarding budget allocations to the person  
25 without violating this subparagraph.

26 (C) Prohibit the exchange of strategic nonpublic information regarding contributions and  
27 coordinated expenditures with staff who are separated under subparagraph (A) of this para-  
28 graph.

29 (D) Establish and distribute a written policy regarding the requirements under this sub-  
30 section to all staff of the person prior to any work performed regarding the in-kind contri-  
31 butions or coordinated expenditures. The written policy under this subparagraph must be  
32 provided to the Secretary of State upon the secretary's request.

33 (c) Notwithstanding paragraph (b) of this subsection, separation of the person's volun-  
34 teers or nonsupervisory staff persons that are engaged in direct voter contact is not required  
35 so long as the person prohibits the volunteers and nonsupervisory staff persons from ex-  
36 changing strategic nonpublic information regarding the contributions and coordinated  
37 expenditures with staff persons that are separated under paragraph (b) of this subsection.

38 (17) The Secretary of State may adopt rules for the administration of this section.

39 **SECTION 2a.** ORS 260.014, as amended by section 2 of this 2026 Act, is amended to read:

40 260.014. (1)(a) A candidate, the principal campaign committee of a candidate or a political com-  
41 mittee may accept contributions only from the sources and in the amounts described in this section.

42 (b) An in-kind contribution under this section may only be made by a contributor that is au-  
43 thorized to make a contribution under this chapter and may only be received by a political com-  
44 mittee.

45 (c) Except as provided in paragraph (d) of this subsection, the limits on aggregate contributions

1 that may be accepted by a candidate or the principal campaign committee of a candidate for the  
2 office of state Representative under this section also apply to a candidate or the principal campaign  
3 committee of a candidate for any public office that is not a state office.

4 (d)(A) Any local government that, as of January 1, 2024, had a system of contribution limits in  
5 effect for local elections may maintain or adopt contribution limits that are lower than those re-  
6 quired by this section and may limit the sources that may make contributions to candidates in local  
7 elections, except that a local government system of contribution limits described in this subpara-  
8 graph must permit small donor political committees to accept contributions from individuals of up  
9 to \$250 per calendar year, as provided in subsection (8)(a) of this section.

10 (B) For any local government that is not described in subparagraph (A) of this paragraph:

11 (i) Except as provided in subsection (8)(a) of this section, a local government may adopt contri-  
12 bution limits that are lower than those required by this section for elections of the local govern-  
13 ment.

14 (ii) Any contribution limits adopted by a local government under this subparagraph must allow  
15 a candidate or the principal campaign committee of a candidate for an election contest of the local  
16 government to accept contributions from any political committee from which a candidate or the  
17 principal campaign committee of a candidate for the office of state Representative may accept con-  
18 tributions under subsection (2)(a) of this section.

19 (C) Any local government may provide public funding for campaigns for local government public  
20 office that are not subject to contribution limits under this section.

21 (2) A candidate or the principal campaign committee of a candidate for the office of state Rep-  
22 resentative, state Senator, circuit court judge or district attorney may not accept aggregate contri-  
23 butions in excess of:

24 (a) \$3,300 per election from a person.

25 (b) \$2,000 per election from a principal campaign committee of another candidate.

26 (c) \$5,000 per election cycle from a multicandidate political committee.

27 (d) \$15,000 per election from a political party multicandidate committee.

28 (e) \$15,000 per election from a legislative caucus political committee.

29 (f) The amount set forth under paragraph (a) of this subsection times four per election from a  
30 membership organization or membership organization political committee.

31 (g) \$5 times the number of contributors to the small donor political committee per election from  
32 a small donor political committee.

33 (3) A candidate or the principal campaign committee of a candidate for a state office not de-  
34 scribed in subsection (2) of this section may not accept aggregate contributions in excess of:

35 (a) \$3,300 per election from a person.

36 (b) \$2,000 per election from a principal campaign committee of another candidate.

37 (c) \$5,000 per election cycle from a multicandidate political committee.

38 (d) \$30,000 per election from a political party multicandidate committee.

39 (e) \$30,000 per election from a legislative caucus political committee.

40 (f) The amount set forth under paragraph (a) of this subsection times eight per election from a  
41 membership organization or membership organization political committee.

42 (g) \$10 times the number of contributors to the small donor political committee per election from  
43 a small donor political committee.

44 (4) A multicandidate political committee may not accept aggregate contributions in excess of:

45 (a) \$5,000 per year from a person.

- 1 (b) \$5,000 per year from a principal campaign committee of a candidate.  
2 (c) \$5,000 per year from another multicandidate political committee.  
3 (d) \$5,000 per year from a political party multicandidate committee.  
4 (e) \$5,000 per year from a legislative caucus political committee.  
5 (f) \$5,000 per year from a membership organization or membership organization political com-  
6 mittee.  
7 (g) \$5,000 per year from a small donor political committee.
- 8 (5) A political party multicandidate committee may not accept aggregate contributions in excess  
9 of:  
10 (a) \$10,000 per year from a person.  
11 (b) \$5,000 per year from a principal campaign committee of a candidate.  
12 (c) \$15,000 per year from a multicandidate political committee.  
13 (d) \$15,000 per year from another political party multicandidate committee.  
14 (e) \$15,000 per year from a legislative caucus political committee.  
15 (f) \$10,000 per year from a membership organization or membership organization political com-  
16 mittee.  
17 (g) \$10,000 per year from a small donor political committee.
- 18 (6) A legislative caucus political committee may not accept aggregate contributions in excess  
19 of:  
20 (a) \$10,000 per year from a person.  
21 (b) \$5,000 per year from a principal campaign committee of a candidate.  
22 (c) \$15,000 per year from a multicandidate political committee.  
23 (d) \$15,000 per year from a political party multicandidate committee.  
24 (e) \$15,000 per year from another legislative caucus political committee.  
25 (f) \$10,000 per year from a membership organization or membership organization political com-  
26 mittee.  
27 (g) \$10,000 per year from a small donor political committee.
- 28 (7) Contributions to a measure political committee, recall political committee or an independent  
29 expenditure-only political committee are not limited under this section.
- 30 (8)(a) A small donor political committee:  
31 (A) May not accept contributions in excess of \$250 per calendar year from an individual.  
32 (B) May not accept contributions from a principal campaign committee of a candidate, inde-  
33 pendent expenditure-only political committee, multicandidate political committee, political party  
34 multicandidate committee, legislative caucus political committee, membership organization, measure  
35 political committee, membership organization political committee, recall political committee or a  
36 petition committee.  
37 (C) May not accept contributions from another small donor political committee.
- 38 (b) The number of contributors to a small donor political committee must be determined by the  
39 number of unique individuals who have contributed funds to the committee during the calendar year  
40 in which the small donor political committee contribution is made.
- 41 (9) A membership organization:  
42 (a) May accept unlimited donations from a person and from another membership organization  
43 or membership organization political committee.  
44 (b) May not accept donations from a principal campaign committee of a candidate, multicandi-  
45 date political committee, political party multicandidate committee, legislative caucus political com-

1 mittee or a small donor political committee.

2 (10) A candidate, or the principal campaign committee of a candidate, may not accept a contri-  
3 bution from another candidate or from a principal campaign committee of a candidate or a political  
4 committee unless the committee files a statement of organization in the manner set forth in ORS  
5 260.042.

6 (11)(a)(A) In addition to the contribution limits described in subsections (2) and (3) of this sec-  
7 tion, a candidate or the principal campaign committee of a candidate may receive in-kind contribu-  
8 tions of staff time from a membership organization or a membership organization political committee  
9 in the following amounts:

10 (i) To a candidate or the principal campaign committee of a candidate for the office of state  
11 Representative or state Senator, not to exceed 2,080 staff hours per calendar year.

12 (ii) To a candidate or the principal campaign committee of a candidate for a state office that is  
13 not state Representative or state Senator, not to exceed 6,240 staff hours per calendar year.

14 (iii) To a candidate or the principal campaign committee of a candidate for a public office that  
15 is not a national or state office, not to exceed 2,080 staff hours per calendar year.

16 (B) In-kind contributions of staff time provided under this paragraph must be limited to admin-  
17 istrative support, direct voter contact, community organizing, community outreach and staff support  
18 for direct voter contact, community organizing or community outreach activities, including any staff  
19 time associated with the creation, production or distribution of communications in relation to the  
20 activities described in this subparagraph.

21 (b) The staff time of a staff person or member of a membership organization or a membership  
22 organization political committee may be contributed by a membership organization or a membership  
23 organization political committee under this subsection only if the staff person or member attests that  
24 the staff person or member is not currently employed as a pollster, political consultant or candidate  
25 campaign strategist and that the staff person or member has not served as a pollster, political con-  
26 sultant or candidate campaign strategist in the previous 18-month period.

27 (c) The membership organization political committee or the membership organization that  
28 formed the membership organization political committee making the in-kind contribution shall be  
29 solely responsible for the pay, benefits, employment status and other human resources of every staff  
30 person or member of the organization whose staff time is contributed under this subsection.

31 (d) The Secretary of State shall define by rule the terms “administrative support,” “community  
32 organizing,” “community outreach,” “direct voter contact” and “staff support” for purposes of this  
33 subsection.

34 (12)(a) In addition to the contribution limits described in subsections (2), (3) and (11) of this  
35 section, a candidate or the principal campaign committee of a candidate may receive in-kind con-  
36 tributions not to exceed the amounts described in this subsection from any person or entity other-  
37 wise authorized to make a contribution under this section.

38 (b)(A) A candidate or the principal campaign committee of a candidate may accept:

39 (i) Without limitation:

40 (I) In-kind contributions of child care, elder care, interpretation or translation services.

41 (II) Legal services related to advising a candidate on compliance with election laws.

42 (III) Legal services related to representing the candidate in responding to or defending against  
43 a complaint that has been filed against the candidate alleging a violation of election laws.

44 (ii) In-kind contributions of office space, including conference rooms and other utility areas as-  
45 sociated with office space, not to exceed 2,500 square feet per calendar year.

1 (B) The amount of incidental costs incurred by the contributor in connection with providing  
2 in-kind contributions described in this paragraph may not exceed \$1,000 per calendar year.

3 (c) A candidate or the principal campaign committee of a candidate for all offices except a state  
4 office subject to the contribution limits set forth in subsection (3) of this section may receive in-kind  
5 contributions not to exceed the amounts described in this paragraph from any person or entity  
6 otherwise authorized to make a contribution under this section:

7 (A) Food and beverages, \$2,500 per calendar year.

8 (B) Transportation costs, \$2,500 per calendar year.

9 (d) A candidate or the principal campaign committee of a candidate for a state office subject to  
10 the contribution limits set forth in subsection (3) of this section may receive in-kind contributions  
11 not to exceed the amounts described in this paragraph from any person or entity otherwise author-  
12 ized to make a contribution under this section:

13 (A) Food and beverages, \$5,000 per calendar year.

14 (B) Transportation costs, \$5,000 per calendar year.

15 (13) A measure political committee may not make expenditures in support of or in opposition to  
16 a candidate.

17 (14) At the end of each even-numbered year, the Secretary of State shall adjust the dollar  
18 amounts set forth in this section based on the cumulative change in the Consumer Price Index for  
19 All Urban Consumers, West Region (All Items), as published by the Bureau of Labor Statistics of the  
20 United States Department of Labor, or its successor. The adjustments performed under this sub-  
21 section must be rounded to the nearest \$10 increment.

22 (15) Nothing in this section limits the amount a candidate may contribute from the candidate's  
23 personal funds to the candidate or the principal campaign committee of the candidate.

24 (16)(a) An in-kind contribution to, or coordinated expenditures with, a candidate, other than in-  
25 dependent expenditures made by that person to support or oppose a candidate, may not be deemed  
26 to be coordinated so long as that person complies with the requirements of this subsection.

27 (b) To comply with this subsection, the person must:

28 (A) Separate the person's staff persons that provide in-kind contributions or coordinated expen-  
29 ditures from other staff persons that make decisions about independent expenditures that support  
30 or oppose a candidate.

31 (B) Prohibit the person's owners, executives, managers and supervisors from simultaneously  
32 overseeing the decisions made by staff that are separated under subparagraph (A) of this paragraph  
33 regarding contributions and expenditures. The owners, executives, managers and supervisors may  
34 participate in decisions regarding budget allocations to the person without violating this subpara-  
35 graph.

36 (C) Prohibit the exchange of strategic nonpublic information regarding contributions and coordi-  
37 nated expenditures with staff who are separated under subparagraph (A) of this paragraph.

38 (D) Establish and distribute a written policy regarding the requirements under this subsection  
39 to all staff of the person prior to any work performed regarding the in-kind contributions or coordi-  
40 nated expenditures. The written policy under this subparagraph must be provided to the Secretary  
41 of State upon the secretary's request.

42 (c) Notwithstanding paragraph (b) of this subsection, separation of the person's volunteers or  
43 nonsupervisory staff persons that are engaged in direct voter contact is not required so long as the  
44 person prohibits the volunteers and nonsupervisory staff persons from exchanging strategic non-  
45 public information regarding the contributions and coordinated expenditures with staff persons that

1 are separated under paragraph (b) of this subsection.

2 **(17) A contributor may not make a contribution, or an aggregate of contributions, during**  
 3 **an applicable limitation period, to a recipient that exceeds the amount a recipient may accept**  
 4 **under the limitations of subsections (2) to (9) of this section. This subsection does not apply**  
 5 **to in-kind contributions described in subsections (11) and (12) of this section.**

6 [(17)] (18) The Secretary of State may adopt rules for the administration of this section.

7 **SECTION 3.** ORS 260.016 is amended to read:

8 260.016. [(1)(a)] (1) A person may not control more than one of each of the following types of  
 9 committees at one time:

10 [(A)] (a) Principal campaign committee.

11 [(B)] (b) Multicandidate political committee.

12 [(C)] (c) Political party multicandidate committee.

13 [(D)] (d) Small donor political committee.

14 [(E)] (e) Membership organization political committee.

15 [(b)] (2) A person [who] **that** controls both a small donor political committee and another poli-  
 16 tical committee may not split a contribution from [an individual] **a contributor**, so that part of the  
 17 [individual's] **contributor's** contribution goes to the small donor political committee and part of the  
 18 contribution goes to the other political committee, unless the person is directed to do so in writing  
 19 by the [donor] **contributor**.

20 [(2)(a)] *The following in-kind contributions, as determined over a 12-month period, are exempt from*  
 21 *the contribution limits set forth in ORS 260.014 up to the limits provided or as further adjusted pur-*  
 22 *suant to subsection (3) of this section.]:*

23 [(A)] *Food and beverages up to \$2,500 for all offices, except up to \$5,000 for a state office subject*  
 24 *to ORS 260.014 (3).]*

25 [(B)] *Transportation costs up to \$2,500 for all offices, except up to \$5,000 for a state office subject*  
 26 *to ORS 260.014 (3).]*

27 [(C)] *Child care, elder care, interpretation or translation services without limitation.]*

28 [(D)] *Small gifts that are incidental to the operation of a business up to \$1,000. The Secretary of*  
 29 *State may by rule further define what is meant by small gifts.]*

30 [(E)] *Contributions of office space, including conference rooms and other utility areas associated*  
 31 *with office space, except that the office space may not exceed 2,500 square feet or be contributed for a*  
 32 *period of longer than 12 months.]*

33 [(F)] *Legal services related to advising a candidate on compliance with election laws and repre-*  
 34 *senting a candidate in the event a complaint alleging a violation of election laws is filed against the*  
 35 *candidate may be contributed without limitation.]*

36 [(b)] *In-kind contributions described in this subsection must be reported to the Secretary of State*  
 37 *at the same time and in the same manner as other contributions and expenditures are reported.]*

38 [(c)] *In-kind contributions described in this subsection may only be made by a contributor author-*  
 39 *ized to make a contribution under this chapter and may only be received by a candidate or a candidate*  
 40 *committee.]*

41 [(3)] *Prior to the start of each election cycle, the Secretary of State shall adjust the dollar amounts*  
 42 *set forth in this section and ORS 260.014 by the cumulative change in the Consumer Price Index for*  
 43 *All Urban Consumers, West Region (All Items), as published by the Bureau of Labor Statistics of the*  
 44 *United States Department of Labor, or its successor, since 2024. The adjustments performed under this*  
 45 *subsection shall be rounded to the nearest \$10 increment.]*

1        [(4)] (3) The Secretary of State may adopt rules *[necessary to implement]* **for the administration**  
2 **of this section.**

3        **SECTION 4.** ORS 260.018 is amended to read:

4        260.018. *[(1) At the end of an election cycle, any unexpended funds that remain in the accounts of*  
5 *a candidate political committee may be used only as follows:]*

6        (1) **Unless the excess unexpended funds are reported in the time and manner required**  
7 **by the Secretary of State by rule, an individual who was a candidate for election to public**  
8 **office, or the principal campaign committee of the candidate, not later than the 60th day**  
9 **following the election at which the individual was a candidate for election to public office,**  
10 **may carry forward unexpended funds that remain in the accounts of the principal campaign**  
11 **committee not to exceed the following amounts:**

12        (a) **\$10,000, if the individual was a candidate for state Representative, circuit court judge,**  
13 **district attorney or for a public office representing a jurisdiction with not more than 100,000**  
14 **electors.**

15        (b) **\$20,000, if the individual was a candidate for state Senator or for a public office rep-**  
16 **resenting a jurisdiction with not less than 100,000 electors and not more than 300,000 elec-**  
17 **tors.**

18        (c) **\$40,000, if the individual was a candidate for any statewide office that is not described**  
19 **in paragraph (a) or (b) of this subsection.**

20        (2) **Except as provided under subsection (1) of this section, unexpended funds of a prin-**  
21 **icipal campaign committee of a candidate may be used solely for the following purposes:**

22        (a) To refund contributions to contributors in amounts not exceeding the aggregate contribution  
23 received from each contributor during the *[election cycle]* **calendar year;**

24        (b) To make a contribution to another political committee as authorized under ORS 260.014;

25        (c) To transfer any amount to the Campaign Finance Education Fund established in ORS 260.021;

26 or

27        (d) For purposes authorized under ORS 260.407, except that a contribution made under ORS  
28 260.407 (1)(a)(C) must be made to an organization described in section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Re-  
29 venue Code.

30        *[(2) As of 60 days after the end of the applicable election cycle, a candidate political committee may*  
31 *not carry forward unexpended funds in excess of the following limits unless the excess unexpended*  
32 *funds are reported in the time and manner required by the Secretary of State by rule:]*

33        *[(a) \$10,000 for a candidate for state Representative, circuit court judge or district attorney.]*

34        *[(b) \$20,000 for a candidate for a state Senator.]*

35        *[(c) \$40,000 for a candidate for a state office that is not described in paragraph (a) or (b) of this*  
36 *subsection.]*

37        *[(d) For a candidate for any other public office, the greater of \$5,000 or five cents per elector in the*  
38 *district of the public office.]*

39        *[(3) A candidate political committee that has not been used to support a candidate for public office*  
40 *for two consecutive election cycles shall dispose of any funds carried over from a previous election cycle*  
41 *in accordance with subsection (1) of this section.]*

42        (3) **A principal campaign committee of a candidate that has not been used to support the**  
43 **candidate for election to public office for two consecutive terms after the candidate's most**  
44 **recent term of office shall dispose of any funds carried over from the previous elections in**  
45 **accordance with subsection (2) of this section not more than 60 days following the end of the**

1 **second term of office in which the principal campaign committee was not used.**

2 **SECTION 5.** ORS 260.021 is amended to read:

3 260.021. (1) The Campaign Finance Education Fund is established in the **State Treasury, sep-**  
4 **arate and distinct from the** General Fund. Moneys in the Campaign Finance Education Fund are  
5 continuously appropriated to the Secretary of State for the purpose of carrying out the duties de-  
6 scribed in ORS 260.264.

7 (2) Moneys in the fund shall consist of:

8 (a) Moneys appropriated or transferred to the fund by the Legislative Assembly;

9 (b) Moneys transferred to the fund pursuant to ORS 260.018 [(1)(c)]; and

10 (c) Other amounts deposited into the fund from any source, **subject to any limits established**  
11 **by the Secretary of State by rule.**

12 **SECTION 6.** ORS 260.042, as amended by section 6, chapter 9, Oregon Laws 2024, is amended  
13 to read:

14 260.042. (1) The treasurer of a political committee shall file a statement of organization with the  
15 filing officer. The statement must include:

16 (a) The name, [and] address **and nature** of the committee. The address must be the address of  
17 a residence, office, headquarters or similar location where the political committee or a responsible  
18 officer of the political committee may be conveniently located.

19 (b) The name, address and occupation of the committee director or directors.

20 (c) The name and address of the committee treasurer.

21 (d) The name and address of any other political committee of which two or more committee di-  
22 rectors are also directors of the committee filing the statement.

23 (e) Whether the political committee will operate as a measure political committee, a multican-  
24 didate political committee, a political party multicandidate committee, a legislative caucus **political**  
25 committee, a membership organization political committee, a recall political committee, **an inde-**  
26 **pendent expenditure-only political committee** or a small donor political committee.

27 [(f) *The name, office sought, and party affiliation of each candidate whom the committee is sup-*  
28 *porting or specifically opposing or intends to support or specifically oppose, when known, or, if the*  
29 *committee is supporting or specifically opposing all the candidates of a given party, the name of that*  
30 *party.*]

31 [(g) *A designation of any measure that the committee is opposing or supporting, or intends to*  
32 *support or oppose.*]

33 [(h)] (f) A statement [of] **declaring** whether the committee is a controlled committee.

34 (2) In addition to the information [listed] **described** in subsection (1) of this section, the state-  
35 ment of organization must include, or be amended within five business days to include, the name of  
36 the financial institution in which the campaign account required under ORS 260.054 is established,  
37 the name of the account, the name of the account holder and the names of all individuals who have  
38 signature authority for the account. The Secretary of State may not disclose information received  
39 by the secretary under this subsection except as necessary for purposes of enforcing the provisions  
40 of ORS chapters 246 to 260.

41 (3) A treasurer may designate an individual to receive any notice provided by a filing officer  
42 under ORS chapters 246 to 260. The treasurer shall include the name and address of the individual  
43 in a statement of organization filed under this section. A filing officer who provides any notice under  
44 ORS chapters 246 to 260 to the treasurer of the political committee shall also provide the notice to  
45 the individual designated by the treasurer under this subsection.

1 (4) A treasurer may designate an elector of this state to be liable for any civil penalty imposed  
2 under ORS 260.232. The treasurer shall include the name and address of any elector designated un-  
3 der this subsection in a statement of organization filed under this section.

4 (5) The statement of organization must be filed not later than the date specified in ORS 260.035.

5 (6) Except as provided in subsection (2) of this section, any change in information submitted in  
6 a statement of organization under subsections (1) and (2) of this section must be indicated in an  
7 amended statement of organization filed not later than the 10th day after the change in information.

8 (7) This section does not apply to a political committee that is a principal campaign committee  
9 or to a political committee exclusively supporting or opposing one or more candidates for federal  
10 or political party office.

11 (8)(a) A major political party or minor political party may establish [no] **not** more than one:

12 (A) Political party multicandidate committee.

13 (B) **Legislative caucus political committee in each chamber of the Legislative Assembly.**

14 (b) A recall political committee may be formed only after a recall election is certified to the  
15 ballot.

16 (c) **A membership organization may establish not more than one membership organiza-**  
17 **tion political committee.**

18 [(9) *As used in this section:*]

19 [(a) *“Legislative caucus committee” has the meaning given that term in ORS 260.006.*]

20 [(b) *“Major political party” means a political party that has qualified as a major political party*  
21 *under ORS 248.006.*]

22 [(c) *“Measure political committee” means a political committee that supports or opposes one or more*  
23 *measures.*]

24 [(d) *“Membership organization political committee” has the meaning given that term in ORS*  
25 *260.006.*]

26 [(e) *“Minor political party” means a political party that has qualified as a minor political party*  
27 *under ORS 248.008.*]

28 [(f) *“Multicandidate political committee” means a political committee that supports or opposes:*]

29 [(A) *One or more candidates; or*]

30 [(B) *All candidates affiliated with a major political party or a minor political party.*]

31 [(g) *“Political party multicandidate committee” means a political committee that:*]

32 [(A) *Operates on a statewide basis;*]

33 [(B) *Qualifies as a multicandidate political committee; and*]

34 [(C)(i) *Represents a major political party or a minor political party; or*]

35 [(ii) *Is established under the bylaws of a major political party or a minor political party.*]

36 [(h) *“Recall political committee” means a political committee that supports or opposes a person*  
37 *subject to a recall election.*]

38 [(i) *“Small donor political committee” means a political committee that:*]

39 [(A) *Registers as a small donor political committee under this section;*]

40 [(B) *Prior to registering as a small donor political committee has not accepted a contribution in*  
41 *excess of the contribution limits for small donor political committees set forth in ORS 260.014; and*]

42 [(C) *While operating as a small donor political committee, complies with the restrictions on re-*  
43 *ceiving contributions set forth in ORS 260.014.*]

44 **SECTION 7. Section 7, chapter 9, Oregon Laws 2024, is added to and made a part of ORS**  
45 **chapter 260.**

1        **SECTION 8.** Section 7, chapter 9, Oregon Laws 2024, is amended to read:

2        **Sec. 7.** *[Notwithstanding ORS 260.042 (9)(i),]* **By not later than March 31, 2027,** a political  
3 committee[, *as defined in ORS 260.005,*] that is not organized as a small donor political committee[,  
4 *as defined in ORS 260.042,*] may reorganize as a small donor political committee if, during the pre-  
5 vious 24-month period, not less than 90 percent of the total amount of moneys contributed to the  
6 political committee were contributed by individuals in amounts not exceeding \$250 per individual  
7 [*donor*] **contributor** per calendar year. Any moneys in the bank accounts of a political committee  
8 that reorganizes as a small donor political committee under this section shall transfer to the newly  
9 organized small donor political committee and may be used in the same manner as any other moneys  
10 contributed to the small donor political committee.

11        **SECTION 9.** ORS 260.416 is amended to read:

12        260.416. *[(1)]* A person may not, directly or indirectly:

13        *[(a)]* (1) Require an employee or contractor to make a contribution or independent expenditure  
14 to support or oppose any candidate; or

15        *[(b)]* (2) Provide or promise any benefit or impose or threaten any detriment due to a decision  
16 by an employee or contractor on whether to make a contribution or independent expenditure to  
17 support or oppose a candidate.

18        *[(2)(a)]* *A foreign national, foreign corporation or foreign entity may not, directly or indirectly, make*  
19 *or offer to make a candidate campaign contribution or expenditure or make a donation used by an*  
20 *entity to pay for candidate campaign independent expenditures.]*

21        *[(b)]* *As used in this subsection, “foreign national” means a foreign principal, as defined in 22*  
22 *U.S.C. 611(b), but does not include any individual who is:]*

23        *[(A)]* *A citizen of the United States;]*

24        *[(B)]* *A national of the United States;]*

25        *[(C)]* *Lawfully admitted for permanent residence in the United States; or]*

26        *[(D)]* *A resident of Oregon.]*

27        **SECTION 10.** ORS 260.005, as amended by section 10, chapter 9, Oregon Laws 2024, is amended  
28 to read:

29        260.005. As used in this chapter:

30        (1)(a) “Candidate” means:

31        (A) An individual whose name is printed on a ballot, for whom a declaration of candidacy,  
32 nominating petition or certificate of nomination to public office has been filed or whose name is  
33 expected to be or has been presented, with the individual’s consent, for nomination or election to  
34 public office;

35        (B) An individual who has solicited or received and accepted a contribution, made an expendi-  
36 ture, or given consent to an individual, organization, political party or political committee to solicit  
37 or receive and accept a contribution or make an expenditure on the individual’s behalf to secure  
38 nomination or election to any public office at any time, whether or not the office for which the in-  
39 dividual will seek nomination or election is known when the solicitation is made, the contribution  
40 is received and retained or the expenditure is made, and whether or not the name of the individual  
41 is printed on a ballot; or

42        (C) A public office holder against whom a recall petition has been completed and filed.

43        (b) **Except as provided in ORS 260.532 to 260.715,** for purposes of this [*section and ORS*  
44 *260.035 to 260.156,*] **chapter,** “candidate” does not include a candidate for the office of precinct  
45 committeeperson.

1 (2) “Committee director” means any person *[who]* **that** directly and substantially participates in  
2 decision-making on behalf of a political committee concerning the solicitation or expenditure of  
3 funds and the support of or opposition to candidates or measures. The officers of a political party  
4 *[shall be]* **are considered to be** the directors of any political party **multicandidate** committee of that  
5 party, unless otherwise provided in the party’s bylaws.

6 (3) *[Except as provided in ORS 260.007,]* “Contribute” or *[“contribution”]* **“contribution,” except**  
7 **as otherwise provided in ORS 260.007 and 260.118,** includes:

8 (a) The payment, loan, gift, forgiving of indebtedness, or furnishing without equivalent compen-  
9 sation or consideration, of money, services other than personal services for which no compensation  
10 is asked or given, supplies, equipment or any other thing of value:

11 (A) For the purpose of influencing an election for public office or an election on a measure, or  
12 of reducing the debt of a candidate for nomination or election to public office or the debt of a pol-  
13 itical committee; *[or]* **and**

14 (B) To or on behalf of a candidate, political committee or measure[;].

15 (b) The excess value of a contribution made for compensation or consideration of less than  
16 equivalent value.[; *and*]

17 *[(c) An expenditure by a person for a communication in support of or in opposition to a clearly*  
18 *identified candidate or measure that is made with the cooperation or with the prior consent of, or in*  
19 *consultation with, or at the request or suggestion of, a candidate or any agent or authorized committee*  
20 *of the candidate, or any political committee or agent of a political committee supporting or opposing a*  
21 *measure.]*

22 (4) “Controlled committee” means a political committee that, in connection with the making of  
23 contributions or expenditures:

24 (a) Is controlled directly or indirectly by a candidate or a controlled committee; or

25 (b) *[Acts jointly with]* **Is established, financed or maintained by** a candidate or controlled  
26 committee.

27 (5) “Controlled directly or indirectly by a candidate” means:

28 (a) The candidate, the candidate’s agent, a member of the candidate’s immediate family or any  
29 other political committee that the candidate controls has a significant influence on the actions or  
30 decisions of the political committee; or

31 (b) The candidate’s principal campaign committee and the political committee both have the  
32 candidate or a member of the candidate’s immediate family as a treasurer or director.

33 (6) “County clerk” means the county clerk or the county official in charge of elections.

34 (7) **“Election cycle” means a two-year period starting on January 1 of an odd-numbered**  
35 **year and ending on December 31 of the following even-numbered year.**

36 *[(7)]* (8) “Elector” means an individual qualified to vote under Article II, section 2, of the Oregon  
37 Constitution.

38 *[(8)]* (9) *[Except as provided in ORS 260.007,]* “Expend” or *[“expenditure”]* **“expenditure,” except**  
39 **as otherwise provided in ORS 260.007 and 260.118,** includes the payment or furnishing of money  
40 or anything of value or the incurring or repayment of indebtedness or obligation by or on behalf of  
41 a candidate, political committee or person in consideration for any services, supplies, equipment or  
42 other thing of value performed or furnished for any reason, including support of or opposition to a  
43 candidate, political committee or measure, or for reducing the debt of a candidate for nomination  
44 or election to public office. “Expenditure” also includes contributions made by a candidate or pol-  
45 itical committee to or on behalf of any other candidate or political committee.

1 [(9)] (10) "Filing officer" means:

2 (a) The Secretary of State **regarding**:

3 (A) [Regarding] A candidate for public office;

4 (B) [Regarding] A statement required to be filed under ORS 260.118;

5 (C) [Regarding] Any measure; or

6 (D) [Regarding] Any political committee.

7 (b) In the case of an irrigation district formed under ORS chapter 545[, "*filing officer*" means]:

8 (A) The county clerk, regarding any candidate for office or any measure at an irrigation district  
9 formation election where the proposed district is situated wholly in one county;

10 (B) The county clerk of the county in which the office of the secretary of the proposed irrigation  
11 district will be located, regarding any candidate for office or any measure at an irrigation district  
12 formation election where the proposed district is situated in more than one county; or

13 (C) The secretary of the irrigation district for any election other than an irrigation district  
14 formation election.

15 [(10)] (11) "Independent expenditure" means an expenditure by a person for a communication in  
16 support of or in opposition to a clearly identified candidate or measure that is not made with the  
17 cooperation or with the prior consent of, or in consultation with, or at the request or suggestion  
18 of, a candidate or any agent or authorized committee of the candidate, or any political committee  
19 or agent of a political committee supporting or opposing a measure. For purposes of this subsection  
20 [and subsection (3) of this section]:

21 (a) "Agent" means any person [who] **that** has:

22 (A) Actual oral or written authority, either express or implied, to make or to authorize the  
23 making of expenditures on behalf of a candidate or on behalf of a political committee supporting or  
24 opposing a measure; or

25 (B) Been placed in a position within the campaign organization where it would reasonably ap-  
26 pear that in the ordinary course of campaign-related activities the person may authorize expen-  
27 ditures.

28 (b)(A) "Clearly identified" means, with respect to candidates:

29 (i) The name of the candidate involved appears;

30 (ii) A photograph or drawing of the candidate appears; or

31 (iii) The identity of the candidate is apparent by unambiguous reference.

32 (B) "Clearly identified" means, with respect to measures:

33 (i) The ballot number of the measure appears;

34 (ii) A description of the measure's subject or effect appears; or

35 (iii) The identity of the measure is apparent by unambiguous reference.

36 (c) "Communication in support of or in opposition to a clearly identified candidate or measure"  
37 means:

38 (A)(i) The communication, when taken as a whole and with limited reference to external events,  
39 such as the proximity to the election, could only be interpreted by a reasonable person as containing  
40 advocacy for the election or defeat of a clearly identified candidate for nomination or election to  
41 public office, or the passage or defeat of a clearly identified measure; and

42 (ii) The electoral portion of the communication is unmistakable, unambiguous and suggestive of  
43 only one meaning; or

44 (B)(i) The communication involves aggregate expenditures of more than \$250 by a person;

45 (ii) The communication refers to a clearly identified candidate or measure that will appear on

1 the ballot or to a political party; and

2 (iii) The communication is published and disseminated to the relevant electorate within 60 cal-  
3 endar days before a primary election, 120 calendar days before a general election or 90 calendar  
4 days before an election other than a primary election or a general election.

5 (d) “Made with the cooperation or with the prior consent of, or in consultation with, or at the  
6 request or suggestion of, a candidate or any agent or authorized committee of the candidate, or any  
7 political committee or agent of a political committee supporting or opposing a measure”:

8 (A) Means any arrangement, coordination or direction by the candidate or the candidate’s agent,  
9 or by any political committee or agent of a political committee supporting or opposing a measure,  
10 prior to the publication, distribution, display or broadcast of the communication. An expenditure  
11 shall be presumed to be so made when it is:

12 (i) Based on **nonpublic** information about the plans, projects or needs of the candidate, or of the  
13 political committee supporting or opposing a measure, and provided to the expending person by the  
14 candidate or by the candidate’s agent, or by any political committee or agent of a political com-  
15 mittee supporting or opposing a measure, with a view toward having an expenditure made; or

16 (ii) Made by or through any person [*who*] **that is or, not more than 120 days preceding the**  
17 **expenditure**, has been:

18 (I) Authorized to raise or expend funds[; *who is or has been*]

19 (II) An officer of a political committee authorized by the candidate or by a political committee  
20 or agent of a political committee supporting or opposing a measure[; *or who is or has been*]; **or**

21 (III) Receiving any form of compensation or reimbursement from the candidate, the candidate’s  
22 principal campaign committee or agent or from any political committee or agent of a political com-  
23 mittee supporting or opposing a measure.

24 (B) Does not mean providing to the expending person upon request a copy of this chapter or any  
25 rules adopted by the Secretary of State relating to independent expenditures.

26 (12) **“Independent expenditure-only political committee” means a political committee that**  
27 **solicits and receives contributions exclusively for the purpose of making independent expen-**  
28 **ditures.**

29 [(11)] (13) “Initiative petition” means a petition to initiate a measure for which a prospective  
30 petition has been filed but that is not yet a measure.

31 [(12)] (14) “Judge” means judge of the Supreme Court, Court of Appeals, circuit court or the  
32 Oregon Tax Court.

33 (15) **“Legislative caucus political committee” means a political committee established by**  
34 **a caucus of a political party in the Senate or House of Representatives that is controlled by**  
35 **an elected leader of the caucus that established the committee and that supports or opposes:**

36 (a) **One or more candidates; or**

37 (b) **All candidates affiliated with a major political party or minor political party.**

38 (16) **“Major political party” means a political party that has qualified as a major political**  
39 **party under ORS 248.006.**

40 [(13)] *“Mass mailing” means more than 200 substantially similar pieces of mail, but does not include*  
41 *a form letter or other mail that is sent in response to an unsolicited request, letter or other inquiry.]*

42 [(14)] (17) “Measure” includes any of the following submitted to the people for their approval  
43 or rejection at an election:

44 (a) A proposed law.

45 (b) An Act or part of an Act of the Legislative Assembly.

1 (c) A revision of or amendment to the Oregon Constitution.

2 (d) Local, special or municipal legislation.

3 (e) A proposition or question.

4 **(18) "Measure political committee" means a political committee that exclusively supports**  
5 **or opposes one or more measures.**

6 **(19) "Membership organization" means an organization that:**

7 **(a)(A) Is tax exempt under section 501(c) of the Internal Revenue Code;**

8 **(B) Has filed all necessary materials to obtain tax exempt status under section 501(c) of**  
9 **the Internal Revenue Code with the federal Internal Revenue Service and has been in exist-**  
10 **ence for not less than 18 months; or**

11 **(C) Is fiscally sponsored by an organization that is tax exempt under section 501(c) of the**  
12 **Internal Revenue Code; and**

13 **(b) Is composed of members, either individuals or entities, that:**

14 **(A) Have taken action to join the organization; and**

15 **(B) For each year of membership, on an annual or more frequent basis, either pay**  
16 **membership dues, make a donation as a condition of maintaining membership in the organ-**  
17 **ization or volunteer time as a condition of maintaining membership in the organization.**

18 **(20) "Membership organization political committee" means a political committee that has**  
19 **been established by a membership organization.**

20 **(21) "Minor political party" means a political party that has qualified as a minor political**  
21 **party under ORS 248.008.**

22 **(22) "Multicandidate political committee" means a political committee that exclusively**  
23 **supports or opposes:**

24 **(a) One or more candidates; or**

25 **(b) All candidates affiliated with a major or minor political party.**

26 [(15)] **(23) "Occupation" means:**

27 **(a) The nature of an individual's principal business; and**

28 **(b) If the individual is employed by another person, the business name and address, by city and**  
29 **state, of the employer.**

30 [(16)] **(24) "Person" means an individual, corporation, limited liability company, labor organiza-**  
31 **tion, association, firm, partnership, joint stock company, club, organization or other combination of**  
32 **individuals having collective capacity.**

33 [(17)] **(25) "Petition committee" means an initiative, referendum or recall petition committee**  
34 **organized under ORS 260.118.**

35 [(18)] **(26) "Political committee" means a combination of two or more individuals, or a person**  
36 **other than an individual, that has:**

37 **(a) Received a contribution for the purpose of supporting or opposing a candidate, measure or**  
38 **political party; or**

39 **(b) Made an expenditure for the purpose of supporting or opposing a candidate, measure or**  
40 **political party. For purposes of this paragraph, an expenditure does not include:**

41 **(A) A contribution to a candidate or political committee that is required to report the contri-**  
42 **bution on a statement filed under ORS 260.057 or 260.076 or a certificate filed under ORS 260.112;**  
43 **or**

44 **(B) An independent expenditure for which a statement is required to be filed by a person under**  
45 **ORS 260.044.**

1       **(27) “Political party multicandidate committee” means a political committee that:**

2       **(a) Operates on a statewide basis;**

3       **(b) Qualifies as a multicandidate political committee; and**

4       **(c)(A) Represents a major or minor political party; or**

5       **(B) Is established under the bylaws of a major or minor political party.**

6       [(19)] **(28) “Public office” means any national, state, county, district, city office or position, ex-**  
7 **cept a political party office, that is filled by the electors.**

8       **(29) “Recall election” means an election at which a holder of public office is subject to a**  
9 **recall by the electors of the jurisdiction the holder of public office represents.**

10       [(20)] **(30) “Recall petition” means a petition to recall a public officer for which a prospective**  
11 **petition has been filed but that is not yet a measure.**

12       **(31) “Recall political committee” means a political committee that supports or opposes**  
13 **the recall of a holder of public office for which a prospective petition has been certified to**  
14 **the ballot.**

15       [(21)] **(32) “Referendum petition” means a petition to refer a measure for which a prospective**  
16 **petition has been filed but that is not yet a measure.**

17       [(22)] **(33) “Regular district election” means the regular district election described in ORS**  
18 **255.335.**

19       **(34) “Small donor political committee” means a political committee that:**

20       **(a) Registers as a small donor political committee;**

21       **(b) Prior to registering as a small donor political committee has not accepted a contri-**  
22 **bution in excess of the contribution limits for small donor political committees set forth in**  
23 **ORS 260.014; and**

24       **(c) While operating as a small donor political committee, complies with the limits on**  
25 **accepting contributions under ORS 260.014.**

26       [(23)] **(35) “State office” means the office of Governor, Secretary of State, State Treasurer, At-**  
27 **torney General, Commissioner of the Bureau of Labor and Industries, state Senator, state Repre-**  
28 **sentative, judge or district attorney.**

29       **SECTION 11.** ORS 260.005, as amended by section 10, chapter 9, Oregon Laws 2024, and section  
30 10 of this 2026 Act, is amended to read:

31       260.005. As used in this chapter:

32       **(1) “Business income” means:**

33       **(a) Funds received by a person in commercial transactions in the ordinary course of the**  
34 **person’s regular trade, business or investments;**

35       **(b) Membership or union dues paid to the person, except dues exceeding \$5,000 from any**  
36 **person in a calendar year; and**

37       **(c) Contributions or donations paid to the person, except contributions or donations ex-**  
38 **ceeding \$5,000 from any person in a calendar year.**

39       [(1)(a)] **(2)(a) “Candidate” means:**

40       **(A) An individual whose name is printed on a ballot, for whom a declaration of candidacy,**  
41 **nominating petition or certificate of nomination to public office has been filed or whose name is**  
42 **expected to be or has been presented, with the individual’s consent, for nomination or election to**  
43 **public office;**

44       **(B) An individual who has solicited or received and accepted a contribution, made an expendi-**  
45 **ture, or given consent to an individual, organization, political party or political committee to solicit**

1 or receive and accept a contribution or make an expenditure on the individual's behalf to secure  
2 nomination or election to any public office at any time, whether or not the office for which the in-  
3 dividual will seek nomination or election is known when the solicitation is made, the contribution  
4 is received and retained or the expenditure is made, and whether or not the name of the individual  
5 is printed on a ballot; or

6 (C) A public office holder against whom a recall petition has been completed and filed.

7 (b) Except as provided in ORS 260.532 to 260.715, for purposes of this chapter, "candidate" does  
8 not include a candidate for the office of precinct committeeperson.

9 [(2)] (3) "Committee director" means any person [*who*] **that** directly and substantially partic-  
10 ipates in decision-making on behalf of a political committee concerning the solicitation or expendi-  
11 ture of funds and the support of or opposition to candidates or measures. The officers of a political  
12 party are considered to be the directors of any political party multicandidate committee of that  
13 party, unless otherwise provided in the party's bylaws.

14 [(3)] (4) "Contribute" or "contribution," except as otherwise provided in ORS 260.007 and  
15 260.118, includes:

16 (a) The payment, loan, gift, forgiving of indebtedness, or furnishing without equivalent compen-  
17 sation or consideration, of money, services other than personal services for which no compensation  
18 is asked or given, supplies, equipment or any other thing of value:

19 (A) For the purpose of influencing an election for public office or an election on a measure, or  
20 of reducing the debt of a candidate for nomination or election to public office or the debt of a pol-  
21 itical committee; and

22 (B) To or on behalf of a candidate, political committee or measure.

23 (b) The excess value of a contribution made for compensation or consideration of less than  
24 equivalent value.

25 [(4)] (5) "Controlled committee" means a political committee that, in connection with the making  
26 of contributions or expenditures:

27 (a) Is controlled directly or indirectly by a candidate or a controlled committee; or

28 (b) Is established, financed or maintained by a candidate or controlled committee.

29 [(5)] (6) "Controlled directly or indirectly by a candidate" means:

30 (a) The candidate, the candidate's agent, a member of the candidate's immediate family or any  
31 other political committee that the candidate controls has a significant influence on the actions or  
32 decisions of the political committee; or

33 (b) The candidate's principal campaign committee and the political committee both have the  
34 candidate or a member of the candidate's immediate family as a treasurer or director.

35 [(6)] (7) "County clerk" means the county clerk or the county official in charge of elections.

36 [(7)] (8) "Election cycle" means a two-year period starting on January 1 of an odd-numbered  
37 year and ending on December 31 of the following even-numbered year.

38 [(8)] (9) "Elector" means an individual qualified to vote under Article II, section 2, of the Oregon  
39 Constitution.

40 [(9)] (10) "Expend" or "expenditure," except as otherwise provided in ORS 260.007 and 260.118,  
41 includes the payment or furnishing of money or anything of value or the incurring or repayment of  
42 indebtedness or obligation by or on behalf of a candidate, political committee or person in consid-  
43 eration for any services, supplies, equipment or other thing of value performed or furnished for any  
44 reason, including support of or opposition to a candidate, political committee or measure, or for re-  
45 ducing the debt of a candidate for nomination or election to public office. "Expenditure" also in-

1 cludes contributions made by a candidate or political committee to or on behalf of any other  
2 candidate or political committee.

3 [(10)] (11) "Filing officer" means:

4 (a) The Secretary of State regarding:

5 (A) A candidate for public office;

6 (B) A statement required to be filed under ORS 260.118;

7 (C) Any measure; or

8 (D) Any political committee.

9 (b) In the case of an irrigation district formed under ORS chapter 545:

10 (A) The county clerk, regarding any candidate for office or any measure at an irrigation district  
11 formation election where the proposed district is situated wholly in one county;

12 (B) The county clerk of the county in which the office of the secretary of the proposed irrigation  
13 district will be located, regarding any candidate for office or any measure at an irrigation district  
14 formation election where the proposed district is situated in more than one county; or

15 (C) The secretary of the irrigation district for any election other than an irrigation district  
16 formation election.

17 [(11)] (12) "Independent expenditure" means an expenditure by a person for a communication in  
18 support of or in opposition to a clearly identified candidate or measure that is not made with the  
19 cooperation or with the prior consent of, or in consultation with, or at the request or suggestion  
20 of, a candidate or any agent or authorized committee of the candidate, or any political committee  
21 or agent of a political committee supporting or opposing a measure. For purposes of this subsection:

22 (a) "Agent" means any person that has:

23 (A) Actual oral or written authority, either express or implied, to make or to authorize the  
24 making of expenditures on behalf of a candidate or on behalf of a political committee supporting or  
25 opposing a measure; or

26 (B) Been placed in a position within the campaign organization where it would reasonably ap-  
27 pear that in the ordinary course of campaign-related activities the person may authorize expen-  
28 ditures.

29 (b)(A) "Clearly identified" means, with respect to candidates:

30 (i) The name of the candidate involved appears;

31 (ii) A photograph or drawing of the candidate appears; or

32 (iii) The identity of the candidate is apparent by unambiguous reference.

33 (B) "Clearly identified" means, with respect to measures:

34 (i) The ballot number of the measure appears;

35 (ii) A description of the measure's subject or effect appears; or

36 (iii) The identity of the measure is apparent by unambiguous reference.

37 (c) "Communication in support of or in opposition to a clearly identified candidate or measure"  
38 means:

39 (A)(i) The communication, when taken as a whole and with limited reference to external events,  
40 such as the proximity to the election, could only be interpreted by a reasonable person as containing  
41 advocacy for the election or defeat of a clearly identified candidate for nomination or election to  
42 public office, or the passage or defeat of a clearly identified measure; and

43 (ii) The electoral portion of the communication is unmistakable, unambiguous and suggestive of  
44 only one meaning; or

45 (B)(i) The communication involves aggregate expenditures of more than \$250 by a person;

1 (ii) The communication refers to a clearly identified candidate or measure that will appear on  
2 the ballot or to a political party; and

3 (iii) The communication is published and disseminated to the relevant electorate within 60 cal-  
4 endar days before a primary election, 120 calendar days before a general election or 90 calendar  
5 days before an election other than a primary election or a general election.

6 (d) “Made with the cooperation or with the prior consent of, or in consultation with, or at the  
7 request or suggestion of, a candidate or any agent or authorized committee of the candidate, or any  
8 political committee or agent of a political committee supporting or opposing a measure”:

9 (A) Means any arrangement, coordination or direction by the candidate or the candidate’s agent,  
10 or by any political committee or agent of a political committee supporting or opposing a measure,  
11 prior to the publication, distribution, display or broadcast of the communication. An expenditure  
12 shall be presumed to be so made when it is:

13 (i) Based on nonpublic information about the plans, projects or needs of the candidate, or of the  
14 political committee supporting or opposing a measure, and provided to the expending person by the  
15 candidate or by the candidate’s agent, or by any political committee or agent of a political com-  
16 mittee supporting or opposing a measure, with a view toward having an expenditure made; or

17 (ii) Made by or through any person that is or, not more than 120 days preceding the expenditure,  
18 has been:

19 (I) Authorized to raise or expend funds;

20 (II) An officer of a political committee authorized by the candidate or by a political committee  
21 or agent of a political committee supporting or opposing a measure; or

22 (III) Receiving any form of compensation or reimbursement from the candidate, the candidate’s  
23 principal campaign committee or agent or from any political committee or agent of a political com-  
24 mittee supporting or opposing a measure.

25 (B) Does not mean providing to the expending person upon request a copy of this chapter or any  
26 rules adopted by the Secretary of State relating to independent expenditures.

27 [(12)] (13) “Independent expenditure-only political committee” means a political committee that  
28 solicits and receives contributions exclusively for the purpose of making independent expenditures.

29 [(13)] (14) “Initiative petition” means a petition to initiate a measure for which a prospective  
30 petition has been filed but that is not yet a measure.

31 [(14)] (15) “Judge” means judge of the Supreme Court, Court of Appeals, circuit court or the  
32 Oregon Tax Court.

33 [(15)] (16) “Legislative caucus political committee” means a political committee established by  
34 a caucus of a political party in the Senate or House of Representatives that is controlled by an  
35 elected leader of the caucus that established the committee and that supports or opposes:

36 (a) One or more candidates; or

37 (b) All candidates affiliated with a major political party or minor political party.

38 [(16)] (17) “Major political party” means a political party that has qualified as a major political  
39 party under ORS 248.006.

40 [(17)] (18) “Measure” includes any of the following submitted to the people for their approval  
41 or rejection at an election:

42 (a) A proposed law.

43 (b) An Act or part of an Act of the Legislative Assembly.

44 (c) A revision of or amendment to the Oregon Constitution.

45 (d) Local, special or municipal legislation.

1 (e) A proposition or question.

2 [(18)] (19) "Measure political committee" means a political committee that exclusively supports  
3 or opposes one or more measures.

4 [(19)] (20) "Membership organization" means an organization that:

5 (a)(A) Is tax exempt under section 501(c) of the Internal Revenue Code;

6 (B) Has filed all necessary materials to obtain tax exempt status under section 501(c) of the  
7 Internal Revenue Code with the federal Internal Revenue Service and has been in existence for not  
8 less than 18 months; or

9 (C) Is fiscally sponsored by an organization that is tax exempt under section 501(c) of the  
10 Internal Revenue Code; and

11 (b) Is composed of members, either individuals or entities, that:

12 (A) Have taken action to join the organization; and

13 (B) For each year of membership, on an annual or more frequent basis, either pay membership  
14 dues, make a donation as a condition of maintaining membership in the organization or volunteer  
15 time as a condition of maintaining membership in the organization.

16 [(20)] (21) "Membership organization political committee" means a political committee that has  
17 been established by a membership organization.

18 [(21)] (22) "Minor political party" means a political party that has qualified as a minor political  
19 party under ORS 248.008.

20 [(22)] (23) "Multicandidate political committee" means a political committee that exclusively  
21 supports or opposes:

22 (a) One or more candidates; or

23 (b) All candidates affiliated with a major or minor political party.

24 [(23)] (24) "Occupation" means:

25 (a) The nature of an individual's principal business; and

26 (b) If the individual is employed by another person, the business name and address, by city and  
27 state, of the employer.

28 (25) "**Original source of funds**" means **business income or personal funds and the person**  
29 **that earned or received the business income or personal funds.**

30 [(24)] (26) "Person" means an individual, corporation, limited liability company, labor organiza-  
31 tion, association, firm, partnership, joint stock company, club, organization or other combination of  
32 individuals having collective capacity.

33 (27) "**Personal funds**" means **income received by an individual as salary or wages, other**  
34 **earned income from bona fide employment, interest, dividends, royalties or proceeds from**  
35 **an individual's personal investments, bequests and income from testamentary trusts or other**  
36 **trusts established by bequest. "Personal funds" does not include any funds received from**  
37 **any person for the purpose of influencing an election.**

38 [(25)] (28) "Petition committee" means an initiative, referendum or recall petition committee  
39 organized under ORS 260.118.

40 [(26)] (29) "Political committee" means a [combination of two or more individuals, or a person  
41 other than an individual, that has:

42 (a) Received a contribution for the purpose of supporting or opposing a candidate, measure or  
43 political party; or

44 (b) Made an expenditure for the purpose of supporting or opposing a candidate, measure or  
45 political party. For purposes of this paragraph, an expenditure does not include:

1 (A) A contribution to a candidate or political committee that is required to report the contri-  
2 bution on a statement filed under ORS 260.057 or 260.076 or a certificate filed under ORS 260.112;  
3 or

4 (B) An independent expenditure for which a statement is required to be filed by a person under  
5 ORS 260.044.

6 [(27)] (30) "Political party multicandidate committee" means a political committee that:

7 (a) Operates on a statewide basis;

8 (b) Qualifies as a multicandidate political committee; and

9 (c)(A) Represents a major or minor political party; or

10 (B) Is established under the bylaws of a major or minor political party.

11 [(28)] (31) "Public office" means any national, state, county, district, city office or position, ex-  
12 cept a political party office, that is filled by the electors.

13 [(29)] (32) "Recall election" means an election at which a holder of public office is subject to a  
14 recall by the electors of the jurisdiction the holder of public office represents.

15 [(30)] (33) "Recall petition" means a petition to recall a public officer for which a prospective  
16 petition has been filed but that is not yet a measure.

17 [(31)] (34) "Recall political committee" means a political committee that supports or opposes the  
18 recall of a holder of public office for which a prospective petition has been certified to the ballot.

19 [(32)] (35) "Referendum petition" means a petition to refer a measure for which a prospective  
20 petition has been filed but that is not yet a measure.

21 [(33)] (36) "Regular district election" means the regular district election described in ORS  
22 255.335.

23 [(34)] (37) "Small donor political committee" means a political committee that:

24 (a) Registers as a small donor political committee;

25 (b) Prior to registering as a small donor political committee has not accepted a contribution in  
26 excess of the contribution limits for small donor political committees set forth in ORS 260.014; and

27 (c) While operating as a small donor political committee, complies with the limits on accepting  
28 contributions under ORS 260.014.

29 [(35)] (38) "State office" means the office of Governor, Secretary of State, State Treasurer, At-  
30 torney General, Commissioner of the Bureau of Labor and Industries, state Senator, state Repre-  
31 sentative, judge or district attorney.

32 **SECTION 12. Sections 13 and 14 of this 2026 Act are added to and made a part of ORS**  
33 **chapter 260.**

34 **SECTION 13. (1)(a) For purposes of the amounts described in ORS 260.014, contributions**  
35 **made or received by multiple political committees are considered to be made or received by**  
36 **a single political committee if the political committees:**

37 (A) Have filed to operate as the same type of political committee under ORS 260.042; and

38 (B) Are established, financed, maintained or controlled by the same person, or substan-  
39 tially the same group of persons, including any parent, subsidiary, branch, division, depart-  
40 ment or local unit of the person or group of persons.

41 (b) Notwithstanding paragraph (a) of this subsection, independent businesses, entities,  
42 affiliates or local groups of any structure operating under the same corporate family or  
43 umbrella organization may not be considered established, financed, maintained or controlled  
44 by the same person or within the same group of persons if the independent businesses, en-  
45 tities, affiliates or local groups have the authority to make independent decisions as to which

1 candidate, if any, to support or oppose.

2 (c) Notwithstanding paragraph (a) of this subsection, having the same person acting as  
3 the treasurer of two or more political committees is not, by itself, sufficient to consider  
4 contributions made by the political committees to be contributions made or received by a  
5 single political committee.

6 (2)(a) For purposes of the amounts described in ORS 260.014, contributions made by  
7 multiple persons are considered to be made or received by a single person if the persons are  
8 established, financed, maintained or controlled by:

9 (A) The same person; or

10 (B) Substantially the same group of persons, including any parent, subsidiary, branch,  
11 division, department or local unit of the person or group of persons.

12 (b) For purposes of the consideration under paragraph (a) of this subsection, the pres-  
13 ence of either or both factors described in paragraph (a)(A) and (B) of this subsection is not  
14 sufficient unless the person was established for the sole purpose of evading the contribution  
15 limits set forth in ORS 260.014.

16 (c) The determination under paragraph (b) of this subsection of whether a person was  
17 established for the sole purpose of evading contribution limits must be based on an investi-  
18 gation by the Secretary of State following the filing of a complaint in accordance with the  
19 process set forth in ORS 260.345.

20 (3)(a) Clubs, societies, associations, organizations or anonymous limited liability compa-  
21 nies may not make contributions to a candidate or the principal campaign committee of a  
22 candidate.

23 (b) This subsection does not apply to a membership organization.

24 **SECTION 14.** (1) A foreign national, foreign corporation or foreign entity may not, di-  
25 rectly or indirectly, make or offer to make:

26 (a) A contribution to a candidate;

27 (b) An expenditure; or

28 (c) A donation or contribution used by an entity to pay for candidate campaign inde-  
29 pendent expenditures.

30 (2)(a) As used in this section, "foreign national" means a foreign principal, as defined in  
31 22 U.S.C. 611(b).

32 (b) "Foreign national" does not include any individual who is:

33 (A) A citizen of the United States;

34 (B) A national of the United States; or

35 (C) Lawfully admitted for permanent residence in the United States.

36 **SECTION 15.** ORS 260.059 is amended to read:

37 260.059. [(1) The Secretary of State by rule shall adopt an addition to the electronic filing system  
38 described in ORS 260.057 to be used by:]

39 [(a) Membership organizations;]

40 [(b) Persons; and]

41 [(c) Any combination of organizations or persons that has a collective capacity and that is legally  
42 separate from other persons and that makes independent expenditures.]

43 [(2) The electronic filing system addition described in this section shall be used by entities de-  
44 scribed in subsection (1) of this section to report the original source of funds used to pay for candidate  
45 campaign independent expenditures, to promote transparency and accountability to voters.]

1       [(3) Once an entity subject to this section has spent an aggregate of \$50,000 on candidate campaign  
2 independent expenditures in an election cycle, the entity must disclose the name of each person that has  
3 contributed \$5,000 or more during the election cycle and the original source of funds used for the  
4 contribution. In identifying persons that have made aggregate donations of \$5,000 or more per election  
5 cycle, the entity may exclude:]

6       [(a) Donations received from an affiliated charitable organization that is tax exempt under section  
7 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code;]

8       [(b) Donations and grants received from foundations and other persons that may not be used to  
9 make a communication in support of or in opposition to a clearly identified candidate; and]

10       [(c) Donations received from a source that demonstrates to the Secretary of State that there is a  
11 reasonable probability that public knowledge of the identity of the source would subject the source or  
12 the family of the source to serious risk of physical harm.]

13       [(4) An entity described in subsection (3) of this section must disclose the original source of funds  
14 of the full amount spent on the entity's aggregate independent expenditures.]

15       [(5) Donations from donors who have contributed less than \$5,000 during the election cycle may  
16 be aggregated and reported on a "Miscellaneous Under \$5,000" category on the electronic filing system  
17 addition.]

18       [(6)(a) Each donor that is separately reported under subsection (3) of this section and that spends  
19 an aggregate of \$50,000 on independent expenditures in an election cycle must also report the original  
20 source of funds used for the donation.]

21       [(b) If and to the extent a donor serves as a pass-through or intermediary for the original source  
22 of the funds, both the pass-through or intermediary and the original source of funds shall be  
23 reported.]

24       [(c) For purposes of this section and ORS 260.061 and 260.266:]

25       [(A) "Business income" means:]

26       [(i) Funds received by a person in commercial transactions in the ordinary course of the person's  
27 regular trade, business or investments;]

28       [(ii) Membership or union dues paid to the person, except dues exceeding \$5,000 from any person  
29 in a calendar year; and]

30       [(iii) Contributions or donations paid to the person, except contributions or donations exceeding  
31 \$5,000 from any person in a calendar year.]

32       [(B) "Original source of funds" means business income or personal funds and the person that  
33 earned or received the business income or personal funds.]

34       [(C) "Personal funds" means income received by an individual as salary or wages, other earned  
35 income from bona fide employment, interest, dividends, royalties or proceeds from an individual's per-  
36 sonal investments, bequests and income from testamentary trusts or other trusts established by bequest.  
37 "Personal funds" does not include any funds received from any person for the purpose of influencing  
38 an election.]

39       **(1) The Secretary of State by rule shall provide for the use of the electronic filing system**  
40 **adopted under ORS 260.057 by a covered person in accordance with this section.**

41       **(2) To promote transparency and accountability, a covered person shall use the electronic**  
42 **filing system adopted under ORS 260.057 to report the original source of funds used to pay**  
43 **for candidate campaign independent expenditures.**

44       **(3) Upon making candidate campaign independent expenditures in an aggregate of \$50,000**  
45 **in an election cycle, a covered person shall disclose:**

1 (a)(A) Except as provided under subsection (5)(a) of this section, the name of each person  
2 that has donated or contributed not less than \$5,000 to the covered person during the  
3 election cycle; and

4 (B) The aggregate amount of donations or contributions received by the covered person  
5 from all persons that have each donated or contributed not more than \$5,000; and

6 (b) The original source of funds for donations or contributions to the covered person in  
7 an amount equal to the total amount spent on the aggregate candidate campaign independent  
8 expenditures by the covered person.

9 (4) Notwithstanding subsection (3) of this section, a covered person that is not a political  
10 committee shall disclose donations or contributions to the covered person in an amount  
11 equal only to the total amount of candidate campaign independent expenditures made by the  
12 covered person.

13 (5)(a) Donations or contributions from any person that has donated or contributed not  
14 more than \$5,000 during an election cycle may be aggregated and reported on a “Miscella-  
15 neous Under \$5,000” category on the electronic filing system, except that a covered person  
16 may exclude from disclosure any:

17 (A) Donation or contribution received from an affiliated charitable organization that is  
18 tax exempt under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code;

19 (B) Donation or grant received from a foundation or other person that may not be used  
20 to make a communication in support of or in opposition to a clearly identified candidate;

21 (C) Donation or contribution received from a person that has restricted that person’s  
22 funds in writing from being used to make a communication in support of or in opposition to  
23 a clearly identified candidate; and

24 (D) Donation or contribution received from a source of funds that demonstrates to the  
25 Secretary of State that there is a reasonable probability that public knowledge of the identity  
26 of the source would subject the source or the family of the source to serious risk of physical  
27 harm.

28 (b) A covered person that is not a political committee may disclose the identity of any  
29 person that donated or contributed to the covered person in the two years preceding the date  
30 on which the covered person made the independent expenditure.

31 (6)(a) Upon the written request of a covered person, a person that donated or contributed  
32 to the covered person shall disclose:

33 (A) The name of and amount provided by any person that provided the original source  
34 of funds that comprises, in whole or in part, the person’s donation or contribution to the  
35 covered person. The names and amounts disclosed under this subsection must equal the  
36 amount of the person’s total donation or contribution to the covered person.

37 (B) The name of and amount provided by any person that is not an original source of  
38 funds but which served as a pass-through or intermediary for funds from an original source  
39 of funds.

40 (b) A person that must make the disclosure described under paragraph (a) of this sub-  
41 section may disclose the name of any original source of funds that has provided funds, either  
42 directly or through a pass-through or intermediary entity, in the two years preceding the  
43 date on which the person made donations or contributions to the covered entity, except that:

44 (A) Funds that are identified as the original source of funds for a donation or contribu-  
45 tion to a covered person may not be identified as the original source of funds for a subse-

1 **quent donation or contribution to that covered person or for a donation or contribution to**  
2 **any other covered person.**

3 **(B) The person may not disclose the name of any person that has restricted that person’s**  
4 **funds in writing from being used to make a communication in support of or in opposition to**  
5 **a clearly identified candidate.**

6 **(C) The person may provide an aggregate total for any original sources of funds that**  
7 **comprise not more than \$5,000 of the donation or contribution to the covered person. The**  
8 **original sources of funds provided under this subparagraph may be aggregated and disclosed**  
9 **on a “Miscellaneous Under \$5,000” category on the electronic filing system.**

10 **(c) The Secretary of State shall adopt rules establishing the procedure by which a cov-**  
11 **ered person may request and obtain information under this subsection.**

12 (7) The original sources of funds used to pay for candidate campaign independent expenditures  
13 and persons associated with those original sources of funds must be reported to the Secretary of  
14 State at the same time and in the same manner as other contributions and expenditures are re-  
15 ported.

16 (8) Prior to the start of each election cycle, the Secretary of State shall adjust the dollar  
17 amounts set forth in this section [by] **based on** the cumulative change in the Consumer Price Index  
18 for All Urban Consumers, West Region (All Items), as published by the Bureau of Labor Statistics  
19 of the United States Department of Labor, or its successor, since 2024. The adjustments performed  
20 under this subsection shall be rounded to the nearest \$10 increment.

21 (9) The Secretary of State shall by rule establish reporting timelines and guidance for the re-  
22 porting of independent expenditures.

23 **(10) Any personally identifying information that is required to be provided to the Secre-**  
24 **tary of State under this section is not a public record for purposes of ORS 192.311 to 192.478**  
25 **and may not be made public by the secretary. This subsection does not apply to an**  
26 **individual’s name, residence address, occupation and the name of the individual’s employer.**

27 **(11) For purposes of this section, “covered person” means any person that has made in-**  
28 **dependent expenditures in an aggregated amount of not less than \$50,000 in an election cycle**  
29 **for any statewide or local election.**

30 **SECTION 16.** Section 14, chapter 9, Oregon Laws 2024, is amended to read:

31 **Sec. 14.** [On or before January 1, 2028,] The Secretary of State shall:

32 (1) Create a web-based campaign finance dashboard that promotes transparency and fosters re-  
33 search and analysis on campaign **contributions**, donations and expenditures in this state. The  
34 dashboard [shall] **must** include numeric and visual representations of campaign finance activity in  
35 Oregon.

36 (2) Update software related to campaign filings to promote transparency, efficiency and modern  
37 best practices in campaign finance reporting.

38 **SECTION 17.** **The Secretary of State shall create the dashboard, and update the software,**  
39 **described in section 14, chapter 9, Oregon Laws 2024, not later than January 1, 2032.**

40 **SECTION 18.** ORS 260.061 is amended to read:

41 260.061. (1) [For elections occurring after January 1, 2028,] The Secretary of State shall:

42 (a) At least 10 days before each election, release on the dashboard **created under section 14,**  
43 **chapter 9, Oregon Laws 2024,** a list of the 100 largest contributors to candidates or principal  
44 campaign committees, aggregated across all candidates.

45 (b) Annually release a visual representation of contributions by industry aggregated across all

1 candidates and broken down by statewide, legislative and local office.

2 (c) At least 10 days before each election, release on the dashboard the original sources of funds  
3 of candidate campaign independent expenditures as required by ORS 260.059. The disclosures must  
4 be set forth on the dashboard [*so as*] to promote transparency with the public.

5 (d) Annually display the average cost of campaigns by office and the largest three categories for  
6 spending, broken down by statewide office, legislative office, circuit court and district attorney of-  
7 fices and local offices.

8 (2) The Secretary of State may by rule establish other reports, data and information to be in-  
9 cluded on the dashboard and the frequency with which the information is reported, except that the  
10 information must be reported at least annually. The secretary shall follow best practices to promote  
11 efficiency when establishing reporting and filing requirements.

12 (3)(a) The Secretary of State shall biannually conduct a review process of:

13 (A) The reporting and filing of information required in order to comply with the disclosures and  
14 content required on the dashboard; and

15 (B) Compliance by and the needs of stakeholders, including [*but not limited to*]:

16 (i) Persons who make and report [*donations*] **contributions** to candidates or [*principle*] **principal**  
17 campaign committees;

18 (ii) Persons who make independent expenditures;

19 (iii) Entities organized under section 501(c) of the Internal Revenue Code;

20 (iv) Candidates; and

21 (v) Media organizations.

22 (b) The secretary shall report the findings of the biannual review to the Legislative Assembly  
23 and may also report on improvements undertaken or planned by the secretary based on the findings  
24 of the review.

25 [*(4) As used in this section, "dashboard" means the web-based dashboard described in section 14,*  
26 *chapter 9, Oregon Laws 2024.*]

27 **SECTION 19. The amendments to ORS 260.061 by section 18 of this 2026 Act apply to**  
28 **elections occurring after January 1, 2032.**

29 **SECTION 20.** ORS 260.266, as amended by section 15, chapter 9, Oregon Laws 2024, is amended  
30 to read:

31 260.266. (1) Except as otherwise provided by a local provision, a communication in support of  
32 or in opposition to a clearly identified candidate must state the name of the persons that paid for  
33 the communication.

34 (2) For the purpose of complying with subsection (1) of this section:

35 (a) Except as provided in paragraph (b) of this subsection, a communication in support of or in  
36 opposition to a clearly identified candidate by a political committee or recall petition committee that  
37 costs at least \$10,000 for the entire placement of the communication and substantially similar com-  
38 munications must state:

39 (A) The name of the political committee or petition committee; and

40 (B) The names of the four persons that have made the largest aggregate contributions of \$10,000  
41 or more to the committee in the election cycle in which the communication is made.

42 (b) A communication in support of or in opposition to a clearly identified candidate by an indi-  
43 vidual, a for-profit business entity or a candidate or the principal campaign committee of a candidate  
44 must state the name of the individual, for-profit business entity or candidate.

45 (c)(A) A communication in support of or in opposition to a clearly identified candidate by a

1 person not described in paragraph (a) or (b) of this subsection must state:

2 (i) The name of the person; and

3 (ii) Except as provided in subparagraph (B) of this paragraph, the names of the four persons that  
4 have made the largest aggregate donations of \$10,000 or more to the person in the election cycle in  
5 which the communication is made.

6 (B) In identifying persons that have made aggregate donations of \$10,000 or more, a person de-  
7 scribed in this paragraph may exclude:

8 (i) Donations received from an affiliated charitable organization that is tax exempt under section  
9 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code; and

10 (ii) Donations and grants received from foundations and other persons that may not be used to  
11 make a communication in support of or in opposition to a clearly identified candidate.

12 (d) Notwithstanding paragraph (b) or (c) of this subsection, a digital communication may state  
13 only the name of the person that made the communication if the digital communication includes an  
14 active link to a website that prominently displays the additional information required by this sub-  
15 section.

16 (3) If a candidate has contributed more than \$20,000 to the candidate's own campaign, a com-  
17 munication subject to this section must include a statement indicating that the candidate has con-  
18 tributed more than \$20,000 to the candidate's own campaign.

19 (4) A person that makes communications in support of or in opposition to a clearly identified  
20 candidate must consider an anonymous donation of \$1,000 or more from a single person to be a do-  
21 nation that may not be used to make a communication in support of or in opposition to a clearly  
22 identified candidate.

23 (5)(a) If a person is required to disclose the names of four persons under subsection (2)(a)(B) or  
24 (c)(A)(ii) of this section and more than four persons qualify as having made the largest aggregate  
25 contributions or donations, the person shall disclose the four applicable persons whose contributions  
26 or donations were made closest to the date of initial printing or transmission of the communication.

27 (b) Except as provided in paragraph (c) of this subsection, the four persons required to be named  
28 under subsection (2)(a)(B) or (c)(A)(ii) of this section must be accurate as of 10 days before the most  
29 recent payment to print or transmit the communication.

30 (c) A person that both makes multiple digital communications in support of or in opposition to  
31 a clearly identified candidate and uses the method described in subsection (2)(d) of this section to  
32 meet the identification requirements of subsection (2)(a)(B) or (c)(A)(ii) of this section, may use one  
33 active link to the same website for all digital communications made by the person, provided that the  
34 information on the website is accurate as of 10 days before the most recent payment to print or  
35 transmit a communication.

36 (6) A communication in support of or in opposition to a clearly identified candidate that costs  
37 at least \$10,000 must include an electronic, printed or *[aural]* **auditory** link to the appropriate site  
38 on the electronic filing system described in ORS 260.057, that identifies the original sources of funds  
39 to the entity that made the expenditure. The link **must be**:

40 (a) *[Shall be]* An active link if the communication is in digital form; **and**

41 (b) *[Shall be]* A printed or televised rendition of the link if the communication is in printed or  
42 televised form.; *and]*

43 *[(c) Shall be read as part of the communication if the communication is on radio or other aural*  
44 *format. The Secretary of State shall strive for brevity and clarity in creating links to be read under this*  
45 *paragraph.]*

1 (7) The Secretary of State shall by rule provide technical specifications for the links described  
2 in subsection (6) of this section.

3 (8) This section does not apply to:

4 (a) Candidates for federal office.

5 (b) Candidates other than those described in paragraph (a) of this subsection who are not re-  
6 quired to use the electronic filing system adopted under ORS 260.057 to file statements of contribu-  
7 tions received or expenditures made.

8 (c) Petition committees that are not required to use the electronic filing system adopted under  
9 ORS 260.057 to file statements of contributions received or expenditures made.

10 (d) Political committees that are not required to use the electronic filing system adopted under  
11 ORS 260.057 to file statements of contributions received or expenditures made.

12 (e) A person that makes independent expenditures and that is exempt under ORS 260.044 from  
13 being required to file statements of independent expenditures using the electronic filing system  
14 adopted under ORS 260.057.

15 (f) A communication that is excluded from the definition of “expenditure” under ORS 260.007.

16 (g) Items of de minimis value relating to a candidate, including [*but not limited to*]:

17 (A) Lawn signs, pins, pens and other similar items;

18 (B) Skywriting; or

19 (C) Wearable merchandise.

20 (h) Any other item that the Secretary of State by rule determines is too small to feasibly include  
21 the identifying information required by this section.

22 (9) The Secretary of State by rule shall prescribe the form of statements required on communi-  
23 cations described in this section. Rules adopted under this subsection must ensure that the infor-  
24 mation required to be included in communications under this section is:

25 (a) In a font, size and color that are easy for an average person to read, if the communication  
26 appears in a print or digital format; and

27 (b) Clearly audible to the average person, if the communication appears in an audio format.

28 (10) As used in this section:

29 (a) “Clearly identified” has the meaning given that term in ORS 260.005 [(10)(b)].

30 (b)(A) Except as provided in subparagraph (B) of this paragraph, “communication in support of  
31 or in opposition to a clearly identified candidate” means:

32 (i)(I) The communication, when taken as a whole and with limited reference to external events,  
33 such as the proximity to the election, could only be interpreted by a reasonable person as containing  
34 advocacy for the election or defeat of a clearly identified candidate for nomination or election to  
35 public office; and

36 (II) The electoral portion of the communication is unmistakable, unambiguous and suggestive  
37 of only one meaning; or

38 (ii)(I) The communication involves aggregate expenditures by a person of more than the amount  
39 provided in ORS 260.044 (1);

40 (II) The communication refers to a clearly identified candidate who will appear on the ballot;  
41 and

42 (III) The communication is printed or transmitted to the relevant electorate within the time  
43 frame [*provided*] **for publication and dissemination described** in ORS 260.005 [(10)(c)(B)(iii)].

44 (B)(i) “Communication in support of or in opposition to a clearly identified candidate” includes  
45 [*but is not limited to*] communications distributed via print, telephone, radio, television or the Inter-

1 net.

2 (ii) "Communication in support of or in opposition to a clearly identified candidate" does not  
3 include newspaper editorials, printed advertisements with a fair market value of less than \$500 or  
4 communications made via telephone that have a fair market value of less than \$500.

5 (c)(A) "Donation" means the gift or transfer of moneys or any other item of value to a person  
6 subject to subsection (2)(c)(A) of this section, including any membership fees, dues or assessments.

7 (B) "Donation" does not include moneys or any other item of value received by a person subject  
8 to subsection (2)(c)(A) of this section in the ordinary course of a trade or business conducted by the  
9 person.

10 (d) "Local provision" means a charter provision, ordinance, resolution or other provision  
11 adopted by a city, county or other local government.

12 **SECTION 21.** ORS 260.402 is amended to read:

13 260.402. (1) A person may not directly or indirectly reimburse a person for making a contribu-  
14 tion or donation, or make a contribution or donation in any name other than that of the person that  
15 in truth provides the contribution or donation, to:

16 (a) Any other person, relating to a nomination or election of any candidate or the support of  
17 or opposition to any measure;

18 (b) Any political committee;

19 (c) Any entity required by ORS 260.059 to disclose the original source of funds used to pay for  
20 candidate campaign independent expenditures; or

21 (d) A petition committee required to file a statement under ORS 260.118.

22 (2) A person may not establish an entity for the purpose of obscuring the original source of  
23 funds used to pay for candidate campaign independent expenditures or evading contribution limits.

24 (3) Except as provided in subsection (4) of this section, a person, political committee, petition  
25 committee or entity required to make a disclosure under ORS 260.059 may not knowingly receive a  
26 contribution or donation prohibited under subsection (1) of this section or enter or cause the con-  
27 tribution or donation to be entered in accounts or records in another name than that of the person  
28 that actually provided the contribution or donation.

29 (4) If a person receives a contribution from a political committee, the person may enter the  
30 contribution into accounts or records as received from the political committee.

31 *[(5) As used in this section, "original source of funds" has the meaning given that term in ORS*  
32 *260.059.]*

33 **SECTION 22.** Sections 23 to 25 of this 2026 Act are added to and made a part of ORS  
34 chapter 260.

35 **SECTION 23.** As used in sections 23 to 25 of this 2026 Act:

36 (1) "Anonymously donation" means a donation for which the covered organization does not  
37 possess the donor name or address that is required under section 24 of this 2026 Act.

38 (2) "Covered organization" means a combination of two or more individuals, or a person  
39 other than an individual, political committee, petition committee or a not-for-profit corpo-  
40 ration that is tax exempt under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, that accepts  
41 donations and makes political communications.

42 (3)(a) "Donation" means a gift or transfer of moneys or any other item of value to a  
43 covered organization, including any membership fees, dues or assessments.

44 (b) "Donation" does not include moneys or any other item of value received by a covered  
45 organization in the ordinary course of a trade or business conducted by the covered organ-

1 ization.

2 (4) "Donor" means a person that makes a donation to a covered organization.

3 (5) "Election cycle" means a two-year period starting on January 1 of an odd-numbered  
4 year and ending on December 31 of the following even-numbered year.

5 (6) "Electioneering cost threshold for a legislative race" means the costs for political  
6 communications made by a covered organization of less than \$25,000 for a candidate for a  
7 particular seat in the Legislative Assembly.

8 (7)(a) "Electioneering cost threshold for a measure," except as provided in paragraphs (b)  
9 and (c) of this subsection, means the costs for political communications made by a covered  
10 organization of less than \$100,000 for a particular measure.

11 (b) For a city measure in a city with a population of less than 60,000, "electioneering cost  
12 threshold for a measure" means the costs for political communications made by a covered  
13 organization of less than \$25,000 for a particular city measure.

14 (c) For a county measure in a county with a population of less than 60,000,  
15 "electioneering cost threshold for a measure" means the costs for political communications  
16 made by a covered organization of less than \$25,000 for a particular county measure.

17 (8) "Electioneering cost threshold for a political committee" means the costs for political  
18 communications made by a covered organization of less than \$100,000 for a particular poli-  
19 tical committee.

20 (9) "Electioneering cost threshold for a statewide race" means the costs for political  
21 communications made by a covered organization of less than \$100,000 for a particular state  
22 office as defined in ORS 249.215.

23 (10)(a) "Political communication" means a communication in support of or in opposition  
24 to a clearly identified candidate or measure.

25 (b) "Political communication" does not include a communication:

26 (A) By a covered organization to its current members, stockholders or executive or ad-  
27 ministrative personnel;

28 (B) That constitutes lobbying as defined in ORS 171.725; or

29 (C) Excluded from the definition of "expenditure" under ORS 260.007.

30 **SECTION 24.** (1)(a) Except as provided in subsection (5) of this section, a covered or-  
31 ganization that during an election cycle exceeds the electioneering threshold for a legislative  
32 race, the electioneering threshold for a measure, the electioneering threshold for a political  
33 committee or the electioneering threshold for a statewide race shall file with the Secretary  
34 of State an initial donor identification list containing the name and address of and aggregate  
35 amount donated by each donor that donated an aggregate amount of \$10,000 or more to the  
36 covered organization during that election cycle.

37 (b) A covered organization that is required to file an initial donor identification list under  
38 this subsection shall file the list not later than seven calendar days after the covered or-  
39 ganization makes a political communication that requires the covered organization to make  
40 a filing under paragraph (a) of this subsection.

41 (2)(a) A covered organization that filed an initial donor identification list under sub-  
42 section (1) of this section shall, during that election cycle, update the list by filing with the  
43 Secretary of State:

44 (A) The name and address of and aggregate amount donated by each subsequent donor  
45 that makes a donation or aggregate donations of \$10,000 or more to the covered organization

1 during that election cycle; and

2 (B) An updated amount of the aggregate donations the covered organization has received  
3 during the election cycle from each donor that was previously listed on an initial donor  
4 identification list or updated donor identification list filed under this section.

5 (b) An updated donor identification list filed under this subsection must be filed according  
6 to the time frame for filing a statement of independent expenditures under ORS 260.044, ex-  
7 cept that the time frame for filing starts on the day that:

8 (A) The dollar amount received by the covered organization from a single donor not  
9 previously on the list, whether by single donation or aggregate donations, equals \$10,000 or  
10 more; or

11 (B) The covered organization receives an additional donation from a donor that was  
12 previously listed on an initial donor identification list or updated donor identification list filed  
13 under this section.

14 (3) Each initial donor identification list and updated donor identification list filed under  
15 this section must be signed and certified as true by an authorized representative of the  
16 covered organization. Signatures must be supplied in the manner specified by the Secretary  
17 of State by rule.

18 (4) The Secretary of State shall, upon request, deliver to any person the initial donor  
19 identification lists and updated donor identification lists filed under this section. If the Sec-  
20 retary of State receives a request under this subsection, the Secretary of State shall deliver  
21 the lists not later than five days after receiving the request.

22 (5) In identifying donors that have made aggregate donations of \$10,000 or more in the  
23 manner described in subsections (1) and (2) of this section, a covered organization may ex-  
24 clude:

25 (a) Donations received from an affiliated charitable organization that is tax exempt under  
26 section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code; and

27 (b) Donations and grants received from foundations and other donors that may not be  
28 used for political communications.

29 (6) A covered organization must consider an anonymous donation of \$1,000 or more from  
30 a single donor to be a donation that may not be used for political communications.

31 (7) The Secretary of State may enact rules for the administration of this section.

32 **SECTION 25.** (1) The Secretary of State may impose a civil penalty as provided in this  
33 section, in addition to any other penalty that may be imposed, for failing to:

34 (a) Timely file an initial donor identification list required to be filed under section 24 of  
35 this 2026 Act;

36 (b) Timely file an updated donor identification list required to be filed under section 24  
37 of this 2026 Act; or

38 (c) Include all donors or amounts donated that are required to be included in an initial  
39 donor identification list or an updated donor identification list that is required to be filed  
40 under section 24 of this 2026 Act.

41 (2)(a) For each failure to timely file an initial donor identification list that is required to  
42 be filed under section 24 of this 2026 Act for exceeding the electioneering cost threshold for  
43 a legislative race, the Secretary of State may impose a civil penalty not to exceed the lesser  
44 of:

45 (A) 10 percent per day of the total cost for political communications made by the covered

1 organization for the applicable legislative race; or

2 (B) 150 percent of the total cost for political communications made by the covered or-  
3 ganization for the applicable legislative race.

4 (b) For each failure to timely file an initial donor identification list that is required to  
5 be filed under section 23 of this 2026 Act for exceeding the electioneering cost threshold for  
6 a measure, the Secretary of State may impose a civil penalty not to exceed the lesser of:

7 (A) 10 percent per day of the total cost for political communications made by the covered  
8 organization for the applicable measure; or

9 (B) 150 percent of the total cost for political communications made by the covered or-  
10 ganization for the applicable measure.

11 (c) For each failure to timely file an initial donor identification list that is required to  
12 be filed under section 23 of this 2026 Act for exceeding the electioneering cost threshold for  
13 a political committee, the Secretary of State may impose a civil penalty not to exceed the  
14 lesser of:

15 (A) 10 percent per day of the total cost for political communications made by the covered  
16 organization for the applicable political committee; or

17 (B) 150 percent of the total cost for political communications made by the covered or-  
18 ganization for the applicable political committee.

19 (d) For each failure to timely file an initial donor identification list that is required to  
20 be filed under section 23 of this 2026 Act for exceeding the electioneering cost threshold for  
21 a statewide race, the Secretary of State may impose a civil penalty not to exceed the lesser  
22 of:

23 (A) 10 percent per day of the total cost for political communications made by the covered  
24 organization for the applicable statewide race; or

25 (B) 150 percent of the total cost for political communications made by the covered or-  
26 ganization for the applicable statewide race.

27 (3) For each failure to accurately include the name of a donor or the amount a donor  
28 donated to the covered organization in an initial donor identification list or an updated donor  
29 identification list that is required to be filed under section 24 of this 2026 Act, or for each  
30 failure to timely file an updated donor identification list that is required to be filed under  
31 section 24 of this 2026 Act, the Secretary of State may impose a civil penalty not to exceed  
32 10 percent of the aggregate donations that were not properly included or filed.

33 (4) Except as otherwise provided by this section, civil penalties under this section shall  
34 be imposed as provided in ORS 183.745. In addition to the requirements for a notice of right  
35 to a hearing under ORS 183.745, the notice shall include:

36 (a) A statement of the authority and jurisdiction under which the hearing is to be held;  
37 and

38 (b) If the person is an agency, corporation or an unincorporated association, a statement  
39 that the person must be represented by an attorney licensed in Oregon.

40 (5) A hearing on whether to impose a civil penalty and to consider circumstances in  
41 mitigation shall be held by the Secretary of State:

42 (a) Upon request of the person against whom the penalty may be assessed, if the request  
43 is made not later than the 20th day after the date the person received notice sent under  
44 subsection (4) of this section; or

45 (b) Upon the Secretary of State's own motion.

1       **(6) The person against whom a penalty may be assessed need not appear in person at a**  
2 **hearing held under this section, but instead may submit written testimony or other evidence,**  
3 **sworn to before a notary public, to the Secretary of State for entry in the hearing record.**  
4 **The testimony or other evidence must be received by the Secretary of State not later than**  
5 **three business days before the day of the hearing and may be submitted electronically.**

6       **(7) All hearings under this section shall be held not later than 45 days after the deadline**  
7 **for the person against whom the penalty may be assessed to request a hearing. However, if**  
8 **requested by the person against whom the penalty may be assessed, a hearing under sub-**  
9 **section (5) of this section shall be held not later than 60 days after the deadline for the per-**  
10 **son against whom the penalty may be assessed to request a hearing.**

11       **(8) The Secretary of State shall issue an order not later than 90 days after a hearing or**  
12 **after the deadline for requesting a hearing if no hearing is held.**

13       **(9) All penalties recovered under this section shall be paid into the State Treasury and**  
14 **credited to the General Fund.**

15       **(10) The Secretary of State may adopt rules for the administration of this section.**

16       **SECTION 26. Sections 23 to 25 of this 2026 Act are repealed on January 2, 2031.**

17       **SECTION 27. ORS 260.034 is added to and made a part of ORS chapter 249.**

18       **SECTION 28. Section 29 of this 2026 Act is added to and made a part of ORS chapter 260.**

19       **SECTION 29. Any person that is a corporation or a labor organization designated as tax**  
20 **exempt under section 501(c)(5) of the Internal Revenue Code may establish or administer**  
21 **separate, segregated funds that operate as a political committee only if:**

22       **(1) The person files a statement of organization in accordance with ORS 260.042, regis-**  
23 **tering the funds as a small donor political committee, multicandidate political committee,**  
24 **or both, and files any statement or report that is required under this chapter;**

25       **(2) The funds consist solely of contributions from individual employees, officers, share-**  
26 **holders or members of the person or, if the person is a labor organization, from individual**  
27 **membership dues paid to the person, with the aggregate amount contributed by and attri-**  
28 **buted to each individual not to exceed the limits described in ORS 260.014; and**

29       **(3) Any solicitation for contributions directed to employees of the person states that the**  
30 **employee is not required to contribute and that the employee's decision to contribute or not**  
31 **contribute will not affect the employee's employment or be disclosed to the employee's**  
32 **supervisor or manager.**

33       **SECTION 30. ORS 260.007 is amended to read:**

34       **260.007. As used in this chapter, "contribute," "contribution," "expend" or "expenditure" does**  
35 **not include:**

36       **(1) Any written news story, commentary or editorial distributed through the facilities of any**  
37 **broadcasting station, newspaper, magazine or other regularly published publication, unless a poli-**  
38 **tical committee owns the facility.**

39       **(2) An individual's use of the individual's own personal residence, including a community room**  
40 **associated with the individual's residence, to conduct a reception for a candidate or political com-**  
41 **mittee and the individual's cost of invitations, food and beverages provided at the reception.**

42       **(3) A vendor's sale of food and beverages for use in a candidate's or political committee's cam-**  
43 **campaign at a charge less than the normal comparable charge, if the charge is at least equal to the cost**  
44 **of the food or beverages to the vendor.**

45       **(4) Any unreimbursed payment for travel expenses an individual, including a candidate, makes**

1 on behalf of a candidate or political committee.

2 (5) Any loan of money made by a financial institution as defined in ORS 706.008, other than any  
3 overdraft made with respect to a checking or savings account, if the loan bears the usual and cus-  
4 tomary interest rate for the category of loan involved, is made on a basis that ensures repayment,  
5 is evidenced by a written instrument and is subject to a due date or amortization schedule. How-  
6 ever, each indorser or guarantor of the loan shall be considered to have contributed that portion  
7 of the total amount of the loan for which that person agreed to be liable in a written agreement,  
8 except if the indorser or guarantor is the candidate's spouse.

9 (6) Nonpartisan activity designed to encourage individuals to vote or to register to vote, in-  
10 cluding but not limited to activity that is allowed for a not-for-profit corporation that is tax exempt  
11 under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code.

12 (7) Any communication a membership organization or corporation makes to its members, share-  
13 holders or employees if the membership organization or corporation is not organized primarily for  
14 the purpose of influencing an election.

15 (8) The payment of compensation for legal and accounting services rendered to a candidate or  
16 political committee if the person paying for the services is the regular employer of the individual  
17 rendering the services and the services are solely for the purpose of ensuring compliance with the  
18 provisions of this chapter.

19 (9) The payment by a state or local committee of a political party of the costs of preparation,  
20 display or mailing or other distribution incurred by the committee with respect to a printed slate  
21 card or sample ballot, or other printed listing, of three or more candidates for any public office for  
22 which an election is held in this state. This subsection does not apply to costs incurred by the  
23 committee with respect to a display of any such listing made on broadcasting stations or in news-  
24 papers, magazines or similar types of general public political advertising.

25 (10) A candidate debate or forum for a state office, or a communication publicizing a candidate  
26 debate or forum for a state office, when candidates for the state office are invited to participate in  
27 the candidate debate or forum based on neutral criteria that are publicized in advance of the invi-  
28 tation.

29 (11) The following nonpartisan communications that refer to a candidate or political party  
30 within 30 calendar days before a primary election or 60 calendar days before a general election:

31 (a) The publication of a nonpartisan voters' guide that:

32 (A) Is permitted to be published by a not-for-profit corporation that is tax exempt under section  
33 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code; or

34 (B) With respect to each state office referenced in the voters' guide:

35 (i) Includes information from all major political party candidates for the state office referenced;  
36 or

37 (ii) Offers all major political party candidates for the state office referenced a reasonable op-  
38 portunity to be included in the voters' guide.

39 (b) A commercial communication that depicts a candidate's name, image, likeness or voice only  
40 in the candidate's capacity as owner, operator or employee of a business that existed prior to the  
41 candidate's declaration of candidacy.

42 (c) Official publications produced or distributed by public employees while on the job during  
43 working hours.

44 (d) A communication by a labor union, membership organization or corporation to its members,  
45 stockholders or executive or administrative personnel.

1 (e) Any other nonpartisan communication identified by the Secretary of State by rule.

2 (12) **Transfers of funds between a political party multicandidate committee and any ac-**  
3 **count that is established, financed, maintained or controlled by the committee and regulated**  
4 **by the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971, 52 U.S.C. 30101 et seq., or its successor, to the**  
5 **extent the transfers are permitted under federal law.**

6 **SECTION 31.** ORS 260.205 is amended to read:

7 260.205. (1) A filing officer shall inspect each statement filed under ORS **260.044**, 260.057,  
8 **260.076**, 260.083, 260.112 or 260.118 not later than the 10th business day after the filing deadline or  
9 the 10th business day after the statement is filed, whichever is later.

10 (2) A filing officer immediately shall notify a person required to file a statement with the filing  
11 officer under ORS **260.044**, 260.057, **260.076**, 260.083, 260.112 or 260.118 if[.],

12 [(a)] upon examination of relevant materials, [it appears to] the filing officer **has cause to be-**  
13 **lieve** that the person has failed to file a required statement or that a statement filed with the filing  
14 officer by the person is insufficient[; or].

15 [(b) A complaint is filed with the filing officer under subsection (3) of this section.]

16 [(3) An elector may file with a filing officer a complaint that a statement filed with the filing officer  
17 is insufficient or that a person has failed to file a required statement. The complaint shall be in writing,  
18 shall state in detail the reasons for complaint and shall be filed with the filing officer not later than  
19 the 90th day after the date the statement of which it complains is filed or should have been filed.]

20 [(4)] (3) If, upon receiving notification under subsection (2) of this section a person responds by  
21 filing a statement or submitting information to correct an insufficient statement, the filing officer  
22 shall confirm whether the person's response is sufficient not later than [90] **30** days after receiving  
23 the response. If, within [90] **30** days, the filing officer does not confirm whether a response is suffi-  
24 cient under this subsection, the person is not subject to civil penalty under ORS 260.232 for failure  
25 to file or failure to include the required information in the statement.

26 **SECTION 32.** ORS 260.205, as amended by section 31 of this 2026 Act, is amended to read:

27 260.205. (1) A filing officer shall inspect each statement filed under ORS 260.044, 260.057,  
28 260.076, 260.083, 260.112 or 260.118 **or report made under ORS 260.059** not later than the 10th  
29 business day after the filing deadline or the 10th business day after the statement **or report** is filed,  
30 whichever is later.

31 (2) A filing officer immediately shall notify a person required to file a statement **or make a**  
32 **report** with the filing officer under ORS 260.044, 260.057, **260.059**, 260.076, 260.083, 260.112 or  
33 260.118 if, upon examination of relevant materials, the filing officer has cause to believe that the  
34 person has failed to file a required statement or **make a required report or** that a statement **or**  
35 **report** filed **or made** with the filing officer by the person is insufficient.

36 (3) If, upon receiving notification under subsection (2) of this section a person responds by filing  
37 a statement [or], **making a report or** submitting information to correct an insufficient statement  
38 **or report**, the filing officer shall confirm whether the person's response is sufficient not later than  
39 30 days after receiving the response. If, within 30 days, the filing officer does not confirm whether  
40 a response is sufficient under this subsection, the person is not subject to civil penalty under ORS  
41 260.232 for failure to file or failure to include the required information in the statement **or report**.

42 **SECTION 33.** ORS 260.232, as amended by section 18, chapter 9, Oregon Laws 2024, is amended  
43 to read:

44 260.232. (1) The Secretary of State may impose a civil penalty as provided in this section, in  
45 addition to any other penalty that may be imposed, for:

1 (a) Failure to file a statement or certificate required to be filed under ORS 260.044, 260.057,  
2 260.076, 260.078, 260.083, 260.112 or 260.118.

3 (b) Failure to include in a statement filed under ORS 260.044, 260.057, 260.076, 260.078, 260.083,  
4 260.112 or 260.118 the information required under ORS 260.044, 260.057, 260.076, 260.083 or 260.118.

5 (c) *[Failure to comply with ORS 260.009, 260.014, 260.016, 260.018, 260.059 or 260.416.] Exceeding*  
6 **the amounts described in ORS 260.014 and failing to cure the violation within 14 days of the**  
7 **violation in the manner described in subsection (7)(c)(B) of this section.**

8 (2)(a) If a person required to file has not filed a statement or certificate complying with appli-  
9 cable provisions of ORS 260.044, 260.057, 260.076, 260.078, 260.083, 260.085, 260.112 or 260.118 within  
10 the time specified in ORS 260.044, 260.057, 260.076, 260.078 or 260.118, **or if a person that has ac-**  
11 **cepted a contribution in excess of the amounts described in ORS 260.014 has failed to cure**  
12 **the violation within 14 days of the violation in the manner described in subsection (7)(c)(B)**  
13 **of this section,** the Secretary of State by first class mail or electronically shall notify the person  
14 or elector designated under ORS 260.042 or 260.118 that a penalty may be imposed and that the  
15 person has 20 days from the service date on the notice to request a hearing before the Secretary  
16 of State.

17 (b) If the person required to file is a candidate or the principal campaign committee of a can-  
18 didate, the Secretary of State shall send the notice described in paragraph (a) of this subsection by  
19 first class mail or electronically to the candidate. The notice shall be used for purposes of deter-  
20 mining the deadline for requesting a hearing under subsection (3) of this section.

21 (3) A hearing on whether to impose a civil penalty and to consider circumstances in mitigation  
22 shall be held by the Secretary of State:

23 (a) Upon request of the person against whom the penalty may be assessed, if the request is made  
24 not later than the 20th day after the service date on the notice sent under subsection (2) of this  
25 section;

26 (b) Upon request of the filing officer with whom a statement or certificate was required to be  
27 filed but was not filed; or

28 (c) Upon the Secretary of State's own motion.

29 (4) A hearing under subsection (3) of this section shall be held not later than 45 days after the  
30 deadline for the person against whom the penalty may be assessed to request a hearing. However,  
31 if requested by the person against whom the penalty may be assessed, a hearing under subsection  
32 (3) of this section shall be held not later than 60 days after the deadline for the person against whom  
33 the penalty may be assessed to request a hearing.

34 (5) The Secretary of State shall issue an order not later than 90 days after a hearing or after  
35 the deadline for requesting a hearing if no hearing is held.

36 (6) The person against whom a penalty may be assessed need not appear in person at a hearing  
37 held under this section, but instead may submit written testimony and other evidence, sworn to be-  
38 fore a notary public, to the Secretary of State for entry in the hearing record. The testimony and  
39 other evidence must be received by the secretary not later than three business days before the day  
40 of the hearing and may be submitted electronically.

41 *[(7) A person subject to this section who has filed a late or insufficient statement of transactions*  
42 *may self-report the late or insufficient statement and pay the penalty to the Secretary of State. Upon*  
43 *receipt of a corrected statement and payment of the penalty due, the secretary may accept and record*  
44 *the penalty without further investigation under this section. Nothing in this subsection prevents the*  
45 *secretary from continuing to investigate noncompliance with the requirements of this section or ORS*

1 260.009, 260.014, 260.016, 260.018, 260.034, 260.042, 260.044, 260.057, 260.059, 260.076, 260.078, 260.083,  
2 260.112, 260.118, 260.266 or 260.416.]

3 [(8)] (7) A civil penalty imposed under this section may not be more than the following:

4 (a) For failure to file a statement or certificate required to be filed under ORS 260.044, 260.057,  
5 260.076, 260.078, 260.083, 260.112 or 260.118, 10 percent of the total amount of the contribution or  
6 expenditure required to be included in the statement or certificate[; or].

7 (b) For each failure to include in a statement filed under ORS 260.044, 260.057, 260.076, 260.078,  
8 260.083, 260.112 or 260.118 the information required under ORS 260.044, 260.057, 260.076, 260.083 or  
9 260.118, 10 percent of the total amount of the contribution or expenditure required to be included  
10 in the statement.

11 (c)(A) For each failure to comply with the contribution amounts permitted under ORS  
12 260.014, the amount of the unlawful contribution plus 10 percent of the amount of the con-  
13 tribution. The Secretary of State shall adopt rules establishing enhanced penalties for suc-  
14 cessive knowing and willful violations of ORS 260.014.

15 (B) Notwithstanding subparagraph (A) of this paragraph, a person that accepts a contri-  
16 bution in violation of ORS 260.014 may cure the violation by refunding the amount in excess  
17 of the amount permitted under ORS 260.014 to the contributor not more than 14 days after  
18 accepting the contribution.

19 (d) For each failure to comply with ORS 260.018 (1) and (2), the amount in excess of the  
20 amount permitted under ORS 260.018 plus 10 percent of the amount in excess.

21 (e) For each failure to comply with ORS 260.018 (3), the amount of the unlawful dis-  
22 bursement of funds.

23 [(9)] (8) The Secretary of State, upon a showing of mitigating circumstances, may reduce the  
24 amount of the penalty described in subsection [(8)] (7) of this section.

25 [(10)] (9) Except as otherwise provided by this section, civil penalties under this section shall  
26 be imposed as provided in ORS 183.745.

27 **SECTION 34.** ORS 260.345, as amended by section 19, chapter 9, Oregon Laws 2024, is amended  
28 to read:

29 260.345. (1) Any elector may file with any filing officer a written complaint alleging that a vio-  
30 lation of an election law or rule adopted by the Secretary of State under ORS chapters 246 to 260  
31 has occurred and stating the reason for believing that the violation occurred and any evidence re-  
32 lating to it. A complaint and any evidence relating to it may be filed electronically. A complaint  
33 alleging a violation involving the Secretary of State, a candidate for the office of Secretary of State,  
34 or any political committee or person supporting the Secretary of State or a candidate for the office  
35 of Secretary of State may be filed with the Attorney General. The Secretary of State or Attorney  
36 General [shall] **may** not accept an anonymous complaint.

37 (2) The Secretary of State by rule shall prescribe the procedure for processing a complaint filed  
38 with any person other than the Secretary of State. If the complaint concerns the Secretary of State,  
39 any candidate for the office of the Secretary of State, or any political committee or person sup-  
40 porting the candidacy of the Secretary of State or of another person for the office of Secretary of  
41 State, the complaint and any additional information relating to the complaint [shall] **must** be sent  
42 to the Attorney General. An investigation must be commenced within 30 days of receiving the  
43 complaint and a finding must be issued within 60 days of receiving the complaint.

44 (3) Upon receipt of a complaint under subsection (1) or (2) of this section the Secretary of State  
45 or Attorney General immediately shall examine the complaint to determine whether a violation of

1 an election law or rule has occurred and shall make any investigation the Secretary of State or  
 2 Attorney General considers necessary. Except as provided in this subsection, within three business  
 3 days of determining that an investigation is necessary to determine whether a violation of an  
 4 election law or rule has occurred, the Secretary of State or Attorney General shall notify the person  
 5 *[who]* **that** is the subject of the complaint that an investigation will take place. If the Secretary of  
 6 State or Attorney General receives a complaint or complaints involving 10 or more individuals,  
 7 political committees or petition committees in any 48-hour period, the Secretary of State or Attorney  
 8 General need not notify the persons who are the subjects of those complaints within three business  
 9 days of receiving the complaints but shall notify those persons not later than 10 business days after  
 10 determining that an investigation is necessary to determine whether a violation of election law or  
 11 rule has occurred.

12 (4) If the Secretary of State *[believes after]* **obtains evidence from** an investigation under sub-  
 13 section (3) of this section **indicating** that a violation of an election law or rule has occurred, the  
 14 secretary:

15 (a) In the case of a violation that is subject to a penalty under ORS 260.993, immediately shall  
 16 report the findings to the Attorney General and request prosecution. If the violation involves the  
 17 Attorney General, a candidate for that office or a political committee or person supporting or op-  
 18 posing the Attorney General or a candidate for that office, the Secretary of State shall appoint an-  
 19 other prosecutor for that purpose;

20 (b) In the case of a violation not subject to a penalty under ORS 260.268, 260.537 or 260.993,  
 21 may impose a civil penalty under ORS 260.995;

22 (c) In the case of a violation under ORS 260.537, may institute civil proceedings in the manner  
 23 described in ORS 260.537; or

24 (d) In the case of a violation under ORS 260.268, may institute civil proceedings in the manner  
 25 described in ORS 260.268.

26 (5) Upon receipt of a complaint or report under subsection (1), (2) or (4) of this section involving  
 27 an alleged violation subject to a penalty under ORS 260.993 or an alleged violation of ORS 260.268  
 28 or 260.537, the Attorney General or other prosecutor immediately shall examine the complaint or  
 29 report to determine whether a violation of an election law has occurred. If the Attorney General  
 30 or prosecutor determines that a violation has occurred, the Attorney General or prosecutor imme-  
 31 diately shall begin prosecution or civil proceedings in the name of the state. The Attorney General  
 32 or other prosecutor shall have the same powers in any county of this state as the district attorney  
 33 for the county.

34 (6) Upon receipt of a complaint under subsection (1) or (2) of this section involving an alleged  
 35 violation of an election law or rule not subject to a penalty under ORS 260.268 or 260.537 or 260.993,  
 36 the Attorney General shall examine the complaint to determine whether a violation of an election  
 37 law or rule has occurred and shall make any investigation the Attorney General considers neces-  
 38 sary. If the Attorney General *[believes]* **has cause to believe** after an investigation that a violation  
 39 of an election law or rule has occurred, the Attorney General may impose a civil penalty under ORS  
 40 260.995.

41 (7) In the case of an alleged violation subject to a civil penalty under ORS 260.995 or an alleged  
 42 violation of ORS 260.268 or 260.537, a complaint *[shall]* **must** be filed by an elector under this sec-  
 43 tion *[no]* **not** later than *[90 days]* **the 90th day** following the election at which a violation of an  
 44 election law or rule is alleged to have occurred, or *[90 days]* **the 90th day** following the date the  
 45 violation of an election law or rule is alleged to have occurred, whichever is later.

1 (8) A filing officer [*having reason*] **who has cause** to believe that a violation of an election law  
 2 or rule has occurred shall proceed promptly as though the officer had received a complaint. Except  
 3 as provided in ORS 260.234, a filing officer shall proceed under this subsection [*no*] **not** later than  
 4 two years following the election at which a violation of an election law or rule is alleged to have  
 5 occurred, or two years following the date the violation of an election law or rule is alleged to have  
 6 occurred, whichever is later. If a filing officer has not [*proceeded*] **determined** within two years  
 7 **whether a violation occurred** because of fraud, deceit, misleading representation or the filing of  
 8 ficer could not have reasonably discovered the alleged violation, the filing officer shall proceed  
 9 [*no*] **not** later than five years following the election at which a violation of an election law or rule  
 10 is alleged to have occurred, or five years following the date the violation of an election law or rule  
 11 is alleged to have occurred, whichever is later.

12 (9) In the case of a complaint alleging a violation of the original source of funds disclosure re-  
 13 quirements of ORS 260.059, the complainant [*shall*] **must** be notified of the outcome of any investi-  
 14 gation.

15 (10)(a) In the case of a complaint alleging a violation of an election law or rule for which a civil  
 16 penalty of greater than \$10,000 may be imposed, the complainant [*shall*] **must** be notified of the  
 17 outcome of any investigation and may request an administrative hearing. If the complainant requests  
 18 a hearing under this subsection, a contested case hearing under ORS 183.413 to 183.470 must be  
 19 held.

20 (b) The contested case hearing officer shall prepare and issue a final order for any contested  
 21 case hearing held under this subsection.

22 **SECTION 35.** ORS 260.995, as amended by section 20, chapter 9, Oregon Laws 2024, is amended  
 23 to read:

24 260.995. (1) Except as provided in subsections (2) to (4) of this section, following an investigation  
 25 under ORS 260.345, the Secretary of State or Attorney General may impose a civil penalty not to  
 26 exceed \$1,000 for each violation of any provision of Oregon Revised Statutes relating to the conduct  
 27 of any election, any rule adopted by the secretary under ORS chapters 246 to 260 or any other  
 28 matter preliminary to or relating to an election, for which a civil penalty is not otherwise provided.

29 (2) The secretary or the Attorney General may impose a civil penalty not to exceed:

30 (a)(A) [*Except as provided in subparagraph (B) of this paragraph,*] \$1,000 plus the amount con-  
 31 verted to personal use for each violation of ORS 260.407; or

32 (B) Two times the amount of the penalty provision for violating a nondisclosure agreement that  
 33 is contained within each nondisclosure agreement entered into in violation of ORS 260.407 or  
 34 260.413;

35 (b) 150 percent of the total cost of printing, transmitting or distributing a communication in  
 36 support of or in opposition to a clearly identified candidate if the disclosure requirements set forth  
 37 in ORS 260.266 are not met; or

38 (c) \$10,000 for each violation of ORS 260.555, 260.558, 260.575, 260.695 (1) or (2) or 260.715 (1)  
 39 or Article IV, section 1b, of the Oregon Constitution.

40 (3)(a) Except as provided in paragraphs (b) and (c) of this subsection, the Secretary of State or  
 41 the Attorney General may impose a civil penalty on the recipient of a contribution that exceeds the  
 42 limits of ORS 260.014 [*or 260.016*]. The amount of the civil penalty to be imposed [*shall*] **must** be  
 43 at least equal to the amount of the unlawful contribution.

44 (b) The recipient of a contribution that violates the contribution limits of ORS 260.014 [*or*  
 45 *260.016*] may remedy the violation by refunding to the contributor an amount that renders the con-

1 tribution in compliance with applicable contribution limits under ORS 260.014 [or 260.016]. [For this  
2 paragraph to apply, the] **A refund under this paragraph** must be made to the contributor within  
3 14 days of receipt of the unlawful contribution.

4 (c) If paragraph (b) of this subsection does not apply, the recipient of a contribution that violates  
5 the contribution limits of ORS 260.014 [or 260.016] may reduce the penalty otherwise applicable un-  
6 der this subsection by 50 percent, if the recipient refunds to the contributor an amount that renders  
7 the contribution in compliance with ORS 260.014 [or 260.016] within 14 days of the date the recipient  
8 reasonably should have known that the violation occurred.

9 (d) The Secretary of State shall adopt rules under this subsection establishing enhanced penal-  
10 ties for successive knowing and willful violations of the contribution limit provisions of ORS 260.014  
11 [or 260.016].

12 (4)(a) The Secretary of State or the Attorney General may impose a civil penalty on a person  
13 subject to the reporting requirements of ORS 260.059 and that is violating those requirements. The  
14 penalty to be imposed [shall] **must** be not less than one-tenth of, nor more than four times, the total  
15 amount of contribution or expenditure that was not properly disclosed or disclaimed.

16 (b) The Secretary of State shall adopt rules under this subsection establishing enhanced penal-  
17 ties for successive knowing and willful violations of the disclosure provisions of ORS 260.059.

18 (5) Except as otherwise provided by this section, civil penalties under this section shall be im-  
19 posed as provided in ORS 183.745. In addition to the requirements of ORS 183.745, the notice  
20 [shall] **must** include:

21 (a) A statement of the authority and jurisdiction under which the hearing is to be held; and

22 (b) If the person is an agency, corporation or an unincorporated association, a statement that  
23 such person must be represented by an attorney licensed in Oregon, unless the person is a political  
24 committee which may be represented by any officer identified in the most recent statement of or-  
25 ganization filed with the filing officer.

26 (6) A hearing on whether to impose a civil penalty and to consider circumstances in mitigation  
27 shall be held by the [secretary] **Secretary of State** or Attorney General:

28 (a) Upon request of the person against whom the penalty may be assessed, if the request is made  
29 not later than the 20th day after the service date on the notice sent under subsection (5) of this  
30 section; or

31 (b) Upon the secretary's or Attorney General's own motion.

32 (7) The person against whom a penalty may be assessed need not appear in person at a hearing  
33 held under this section, but instead may submit written testimony or other evidence, sworn to before  
34 a notary public, to the [secretary] **Secretary of State** or Attorney General for entry in the hearing  
35 record. The testimony or other evidence must be received by the secretary or Attorney General not  
36 later than three business days before the day of the hearing and may be submitted electronically.

37 (8) All hearings under this section [shall] **must** be held not later than 45 days after the deadline  
38 for the person against whom the penalty may be assessed to request a hearing. However, if re-  
39 quested by the person against whom the penalty may be assessed, a hearing under subsection (6)  
40 of this section [shall] **must** be held not later than 60 days after the deadline for the person against  
41 whom the penalty may be assessed to request a hearing.

42 (9) The [secretary] **Secretary of State** or Attorney General shall issue an order not later than  
43 90 days after a hearing or after the deadline for requesting a hearing if no hearing is held.

44 (10) All penalties recovered under this section [shall] **must** be paid into the State Treasury and  
45 credited to the General Fund.

1 (11) In the case of a civil penalty imposed under this section for a violation of ORS 260.407, the  
2 person against whom the penalty is assessed:

3 (a) Is personally responsible for the payment of the civil penalty;

4 (b) Shall pay the civil penalty from personal funds of the person; and

5 (c) May not pay the civil penalty from contributions received by a candidate, a candidate's  
6 principal campaign committee, a political committee or a petition committee.

7 **SECTION 36. ORS 260.006 is repealed on January 1, 2027.**

8 **SECTION 37.** ORS 260.041 is amended to read:

9 260.041. (1) Notwithstanding ORS 260.005 [(18)] and except as provided in ORS 260.043, a candi-  
10 date shall designate a political committee as the candidate's principal campaign committee. A candi-  
11 didate may designate only one political committee as the candidate's principal campaign committee.

12 (2) A political committee may not be designated as the principal campaign committee of more  
13 than one candidate.

14 **SECTION 38.** ORS 260.044 is amended to read:

15 260.044. (1) If a person makes independent expenditures in a total amount of more than \$250 in  
16 a calendar year, the person shall use the electronic filing system adopted under ORS 260.057 to file  
17 with the Secretary of State a statement of independent expenditures not later than seven calendar  
18 days after the total amount of independent expenditures exceeds \$250 in a calendar year.

19 (2) A person [who] **that** files a statement of independent expenditures under subsection (1) of  
20 this section shall use the electronic filing system adopted under ORS 260.057 to file with the secre-  
21 tary additional statements of independent expenditures made by the person, as described in ORS  
22 260.083.

23 (3) Except as provided in subsections (4) and (5) of this section, a person shall file a statement  
24 described in subsection (2) of this section not later than 30 calendar days after an independent ex-  
25 penditure is made.

26 (4)(a) A person shall file a statement described in subsection (2) of this section not later than  
27 seven calendar days after an independent expenditure is made. This paragraph applies to independ-  
28 ent expenditures made:

29 (A) During the period beginning on the 42nd calendar day before the date of any primary  
30 election and ending on the date of the primary election; and

31 (B) During the period beginning on the 42nd calendar day before the date of any general  
32 election and ending on the date of the general election.

33 (b) If the person makes an independent expenditure prior to the 42nd calendar day before the  
34 date of the primary or general election and the person has not filed a statement under subsection  
35 (3) of this section by the 43rd calendar day before the date of the primary or general election, the  
36 person shall file a statement described in subsection (2) of this section not later than whichever of  
37 the following dates occurs first:

38 (A) The date required under subsection (3) of this section; or

39 (B) The 35th calendar day before the date of the primary or general election.

40 (5) For any special election, the secretary by rule may establish a period during which a person  
41 must file a statement described in subsection (2) of this section. The period may not extend beyond  
42 seven calendar days after an independent expenditure is made.

43 (6) Notwithstanding ORS 260.005 [(18)], a person [who] **that** solicits and receives a contribution  
44 or contributions is a political committee and shall file a statement of organization under ORS  
45 260.042 and the statements required by ORS 260.057, 260.076 or 260.078.

1 (7) For purposes of this section:

2 (a) An independent expenditure does not include a contribution to a candidate or political  
3 committee that is required to report the contribution on a statement filed under ORS 260.057,  
4 260.076 or 260.078 or a certificate filed under ORS 260.112;

5 (b) An independent expenditure does not include a contribution to a candidate who is not re-  
6 quired to file a statement of organization under ORS 260.043; and

7 (c) A person is not a political committee under subsection (6) of this section if all contributions  
8 received by the person are:

9 (A) Designated to an identified candidate or political committee;

10 (B) Delivered by the person to the designated candidate or political committee not later than  
11 seven business days after the contribution is received; and

12 (C) Required to be reported as contributions by a candidate or political committee on a state-  
13 ment filed under ORS 260.057, 260.076 or 260.078 or a certificate filed under ORS 260.112.

14 **SECTION 39.** ORS 260.083 is amended to read:

15 260.083. (1)(a) For a contribution, except as provided in ORS 260.085, a statement filed under  
16 ORS 260.044, 260.057, 260.076, 260.078 or 260.118 shall list:

17 (A) The name, occupation and address of each person, and the name and address of each poli-  
18 tical committee or petition committee, that contributed an aggregate amount of more than \$100 in  
19 a calendar year on behalf of a candidate or to a political committee or petition committee and the  
20 total amount contributed by that person or committee; and

21 (B) The total amount of other contributions as a single item, but shall specify how those con-  
22 tributions were obtained.

23 (b) For an expenditure, including an independent expenditure, a statement filed under ORS  
24 260.044, 260.057, 260.076, 260.078 or 260.118 shall list:

25 (A) The amount and purpose of each expenditure made in an aggregate amount of more than  
26 \$100 to a payee, the name or, if applicable, the business name of the payee of the expenditure, and  
27 the city, or county if the payee is not located in a city, and state in which the payee is located; and

28 (B) The total amount of other expenditures as a single item.

29 (c) For each loan, whether repaid or not, made by or to a candidate, political committee or pe-  
30 tition committee, a statement filed under ORS 260.044, 260.057, 260.076, 260.078 or 260.118 shall list:

31 (A) The name and address of each person shown as a cosigner or guarantor on a loan and the  
32 amount of the obligation undertaken by each cosigner or guarantor;

33 (B) The name of the lender holding the loan; and

34 (C) The terms of the loan, including the interest rate and repayment schedule.

35 (2) An expenditure shall be reported as an account payable only if the expenditure is not paid  
36 within the time specified in ORS 260.057, 260.076 or 260.118.

37 (3) Anything of value paid for or contributed by any person shall be listed as both an in-kind  
38 contribution and an expenditure by the candidate or committee for whose benefit the payment or  
39 contribution was made.

40 (4) If a candidate, political committee or petition committee under ORS 260.057 or 260.118 makes  
41 an expenditure that must be reported as an in-kind contribution and an expenditure as provided in  
42 subsection (3) of this section, the candidate, political committee or petition committee making the  
43 original expenditure shall, in any statement filed under ORS 260.057, 260.078 or 260.118, identify the  
44 expenditure as an in-kind contribution and identify the candidate, political committee or petition  
45 committee for whose benefit the expenditure was made.

1 (5) If a political committee makes an expenditure that qualifies as an independent expenditure  
2 under ORS 260.005 [(10)], the listing of the expenditure under this section shall identify any candi-  
3 dates or measures that are the subject of the independent expenditure and state whether the inde-  
4 pendent expenditure was used to advocate the election, passage or defeat of the candidates or  
5 measures.

6 (6) As used in this section:

7 (a) "Address" has the meaning given that term in rules adopted by the Secretary of State.

8 (b) "Contribution" and "expenditure" include a contribution or expenditure to or on behalf of  
9 an initiative, referendum or recall petition.

10 **SECTION 40.** ORS 260.268 is amended to read:

11 260.268. (1) As used in this section:

12 (a)(A) "Campaign communication" means a communication in support of or in opposition to a  
13 clearly identified candidate or measure, as defined in ORS 260.005 [(10)(c)].

14 (B) Notwithstanding ORS 260.005 [(10)(c)(B)(i)], a campaign communication may involve aggre-  
15 gate expenditures of any amount.

16 (b) "Synthetic media" means an image, audio recording or video recording of an individual's  
17 appearance, speech or conduct that has been intentionally manipulated with the use of artificial  
18 intelligence techniques or similar digital technology in a manner to create a realistic but false im-  
19 age, audio recording or video recording that produces:

20 (A) A depiction that a reasonable person would believe is of a real individual in appearance,  
21 speech or conduct but that did not actually occur in reality; and

22 (B) A materially different understanding or impression than a reasonable person would have  
23 from the unaltered, original version of the image, audio recording or video recording.

24 (2) A campaign communication that includes any form of synthetic media must include a dis-  
25 closure stating that the image, audio recording or video recording has been manipulated.

26 (3) The Secretary of State may institute proceedings to enjoin any violation of this section. The  
27 Attorney General may institute proceedings to enjoin any violation of this section by the Secretary  
28 of State, a candidate for the office of the Secretary of State, or any political committee or person  
29 supporting the Secretary of State or a candidate for the office of the Secretary of State. In any  
30 action brought under this section, the circuit court may at any time enter such injunctions, prohi-  
31 bitions or restraining orders, or take any other actions as the court may deem proper. A restraining  
32 order, prohibition or injunction may be issued under this section without proof of injury or damage  
33 to any person. The circuit court shall give priority to the hearing and determination under this  
34 section. The court shall award the prevailing party reasonable attorney fees at trial and on appeal.

35 (4) Upon proof of any violation of this section, the court shall impose a civil penalty of not more  
36 than \$10,000. All penalties recovered under this section shall be paid into the State Treasury and  
37 credited to the General Fund.

38 (5) The remedy provided by this section is the exclusive remedy for a violation of this section.

39 (6) This section does not apply to:

40 (a) A provider of an interactive computer service, as defined in 47 U.S.C. 230(f), or an informa-  
41 tion service, as defined in 47 U.S.C. 153;

42 (b) A radio or television station, including a cable or satellite television operator, programmer  
43 or producer, that broadcasts a campaign communication that includes synthetic media as part of a  
44 bona fide newscast, news interview, news documentary, or on-the-spot coverage of a bona fide news  
45 event, if the broadcast or publication clearly acknowledges through content or disclosure, in a

1 manner that can be easily heard and understood or read by the average listener or viewer, that  
2 there are questions about authenticity in the communication;

3 (c) A radio or television broadcasting station, including a cable or satellite television operator,  
4 programmer or producer, an Internet website or an online platform, when the station, website or  
5 platform is paid to broadcast or publish a campaign communication that includes synthetic media;

6 (d) A regularly published newspaper, magazine or other periodical of general circulation, in-  
7 cluding an Internet or electronic publication, or an Internet service or website provider, that pub-  
8 lishes a campaign communication that includes synthetic media, if the communication includes a  
9 statement that the synthetic media contained therein does not accurately represent a ballot issue  
10 or candidate; or

11 (e) Content that constitutes satire, parody or that is substantially dependent on the ability of  
12 an individual to physically or verbally impersonate a candidate without the use of technology.

13 **SECTION 41.** Section 23, chapter 9, Oregon Laws 2024, is amended to read:

14 **Sec. 23.** (1) [*Sections 2 to 5a and 9 of this 2024 Act*] **ORS 260.009, 260.014, 260.016, 260.018 and**  
15 **260.416** and the amendments to ORS 260.005 and 260.042 by sections 6 and 10, [*of this 2024 Act*]  
16 **chapter 9, Oregon Laws 2024**, become operative on January 1, 2027.

17 (2) [*Sections 13 and 14a of this 2024 Act*] **ORS 260.059 and 260.061** and the amendments to ORS  
18 **260.266 and 260.345** by [*section*] **sections 15 and 19** [*of this 2024 Act*], **chapter 9, Oregon Laws**  
19 **2024**, become operative on January 1, [2028] **2031**.

20 (3) The amendments to ORS 260.232[, 260.345,] **and 260.715** [*and 260.995 by sections 18, 19, 19a*  
21 *and 20 of this 2024 Act*] **by sections 18 and 19a, chapter 9, Oregon Laws 2024**, become operative  
22 on January 1, 2027.

23 (4) [*Section 17b of this 2024 Act*] **ORS 260.034** becomes operative on January 1, 2026.

24 **SECTION 42.** (1) **The amendments to ORS 260.007, 260.041, 260.044, 260.083, 260.205 and**  
25 **260.268 by sections 30, 31 and 37 to 40 of this 2026 Act become operative on January 1, 2027.**

26 (2) **Sections 13 and 14 of this 2026 Act and the amendments to ORS 260.005, 260.009,**  
27 **260.014, 260.205, 260.402 and 260.995 by sections 1a, 2a, 11, 21, 32 and 35 of this 2026 Act be-**  
28 **come operative on January 1, 2031.**

29 **SECTION 43.** **The adjustment of dollar amounts described in ORS 260.014 (14), as amended**  
30 **by section 2 of this 2026 Act, shall first apply in 2028.**

31 **SECTION 44.** **This 2026 Act being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public**  
32 **peace, health and safety, an emergency is declared to exist, and this 2026 Act takes effect**  
33 **on its passage.**

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