

House Joint Resolution 32

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SUMMARY

The following summary is not prepared by the sponsors of the measure and is not a part of the body thereof subject to consideration by the Legislative Assembly. It is an editor's brief statement of the essential features of the measure **as introduced**.

Proposes amendment to Oregon Constitution prohibiting publicly financed entities from making contribution in aggregate annual amount of more than \$500 to any candidate or political committee.

Refers proposed amendment to people for their approval or rejection at next regular general election.

JOINT RESOLUTION

Be It Resolved by the Legislative Assembly of the State of Oregon:

PARAGRAPH 1. Section 8, Article II of the Constitution of the State of Oregon, is amended to read:

Sec. 8. (1) The Legislative Assembly shall enact laws to support the privilege of free suffrage, prescribing the manner of regulating[,] and conducting elections[,] and prohibiting under adequate penalties[,] all undue influence therein[,] from power, bribery, tumult[,] and other improper conduct.[-]

(2)(a) A publicly financed entity may not make contributions in an aggregate annual amount of more than \$500 directly or indirectly from treasury funds to any candidate or political committee.

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

(c) The Legislative Assembly shall by law establish:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

NOTE: Matter in **boldfaced** type in an amended section is new; matter [*italic and bracketed*] is existing law to be omitted. New sections are in **boldfaced** type.

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

3 (A) The state government;

4 (B) The federal government;

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

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

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

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