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**Oregon Progressive Party
Position on Bill at 2017
Session of Oregon Legislature:**

HB 2584: Support

Dear Committee:

The Oregon Progressive Party (OPP) supports this bill, which:

- Lists specified types of expenditures that are definitively considered to be made in coordination with candidates for purposes of determining whether expenditure is considered independent expenditure.
- Lowers threshold flowers threshold for required filing of statement of independent expenditures to \$250 per calendar year and requires statement to be filed within seven days after expenditure is made.
- Increases penalties from 10 percent to 40 percent of total amount of contribution or expenditure for failure to file required statements or certificates, for failure to include required information in statements or certificates, for incorrectly identifying expenditure as independent expenditure and for failing to timely file accurate statements for in-kind contributions.
- Requires person making independent expenditures of more than \$250 in calendar year to maintain detailed accounts that are current not later than seven days after triggering required report.
- Requires account records to be kept for at least two years.
- Requires Secretary of State to randomly select for examination accounts of political committees.
- Requires that examinations occur four times per calendar year and determine whether committee accurately and timely complied with filing requirements during three months immediately preceding examination.
- Permits Secretary of State or Attorney General, upon reasonable suspicion of violation, to examine accounts of person, political committee or petition committee being investigated as result of elector filing complaint alleging violation of election law or rule.
- Permits Attorney General, during investigation of election complaint, to issue subpoena to compel production of relevant documents or information.

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