

## SENATE COMMITTEE ON RULES

April 17, 2003  
3:00 PM

Hearing Room 343  
Tapes 38 - 39

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**     **Sen. Kate Brown, Co-chair, Presiding**  
                                  **Sen. Bev Clarno, Co-chair**  
                                  **Sen. Jason Atkinson, Vice-chair**  
                                  **Sen. Ginny Burdick, Vice-chair**  
                                  **Sen. Roger Beyer**

**MEMBER EXCUSED:**     **Sen. Tony Corcoran**

**STAFF PRESENT:**       **Jim Stembridge, Committee Administrator**  
                                  **Pam Cox, Committee Assistant**

**MEASURE/ISSUES HEARD:**     **Introduction of Committee Measures – Work Session**  
                                  **SB 457 – Work Session**  
                                  **SB 379 – Work Session**

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<b>TAPE#</b>	<b>Speaker</b>	<b>Comments</b>
<b>TAPE 38, A</b>		
005	Co-chair Brown	Calls committee meeting to order at 3:11 p.m. Opens a work session for the purpose of introducing committee measures.
<b><u>INTRODUCTION OF COMMITTEE MEASURES</u></b>		
006	Jim Stembridge	Committee Administrator. Summarizes draft.
007	<b>Sen. Clarno</b>	<b>MOTION: Moves LC 3543 BE INTRODUCED as a committee bill.</b>
		<b>VOTE: 5-0</b>
		<b>EXCUSED: 1 - Sen. Corcoran</b>
	<b>Co-chair Brown</b>	<b>Hearing no objection, declares the motion CARRIED.</b>
008	Co-chair Brown	Closes work session for measure introduction and opens a work session on SB 457.
<b><u>SB 457 – WORK SESSION</u></b>		
013	Sen. Richard Devlin	District 19. Testifies in favor of SB 457, which modifies number of signatures required on petition to request municipal audit. Describes -1 amendments dated 4-3-03 ( <b>EXHIBIT A</b> ) and -2 amendments dated 4-9-03 ( <b>EXHIBIT B</b> ). Explains the amount of signatures required for an annual audit, taking away the discretion from the Secretary of State, and adding an emergency clause.
080	<b>Sen. Clarno</b>	<b>MOTION: Moves to ADOPT SB 457 -1 amendments dated 04/03/03 and -2 amendments dated 04/09/03.</b>

081

Co-chair Brown

**VOTE: 5-0**

**EXCUSED: 1 - Sen. Corcoran**

**Hearing no objection, declares the motion CARRIED.**

**SEN. DEVLIN will lead discussion on the floor.**

083

Co-chair Brown

Closes work session on SB 457. Recesses meeting at 3:16 p.m. Re-opens committee meeting at 3:22 p.m. Opens work session on SB 379.

**SB 379 – WORK SESSION**

084

Jim Stemberge

Committee Administrator. Summarizes SB 379, which defines express advocacy for purpose of determining whether communication qualifies as independent expenditure. Discusses -1 amendment dated 4-16-03 (**EXHIBIT C**).

089

Ted Reutlinger

Legislative Counsel. Offers information on the -1 amendments explaining the changes.

151

Sen. Burdick

Asks what is the problem that's being addressed.

152

Sen. Kurt Schrader

District 20. Explains deleting the twenty-four hour notice for reporting independent expenditures but adding guidelines in which to report.

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Sen. Brudick

Asks if this pertains to expenditures made on behalf of a candidate.

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Sen. Schrader

Notes that is the intent.

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Sen. Brudick

Asks if someone working with the campaign makes an expenditure does that go through the Political Action Committee (PAC).

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Sen. Schrader

Answers the bill does not limit what people can do; it's to give them time to refute issues raised.

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Ted Reutlinger

Describes the term independent expenditure and takes out sections not needed.

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Sen. Atkinson

Asks how would this work in the election last October.

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Ted Reutlinger

Answers in the bill drafted now the supplements must be filed in fifteen days.

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Sen. Schrader

Notes there are three more reporting systems to track expenditures being made.

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Sen. Atkinson

Asks what other groups were consulted before drafting the bill.

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Sen. Schrader

Mentions the Education Association, Public Employees Union and AFL-CIO.

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Sen. Beyer

Asks under the current laws what is it that is trying to be fixed.

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Sen. Schrader

Answers the desire to make sure there is full disclosure early on so candidates have time to react.

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Sen. Atkinson

Asks how will this work with expenses being made ten days out of the election.

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Sen. Schrader

Answers this is an attempt to close a loophole, and the desire is to make sure the candidate's message is his or her own.

343

Sen. Beyer

Asks what is the current law on independent expenditure reporting requirements.

352

Ted Reutlinger

Informs you cannot set the amount but you can state when it must be reported and speaks to the timelines.

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Sen. Beyer

Asks for the timelines.

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Ted Reutlinger

Offers the timelines for reporting.

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Sen. Beyer

Asks if you spend a certain amount doesn't it have to be reported within seventy-two hours with a supplemental report.

380

Ted Reutlinger

Notes under existing law there are some supplemental

390	Sen. Beyer	requirements depending on the amount of money involved. Indicates if he spent more than five hundred dollars it must be reported by the fourth day.
397	Ted Reutlinger	Answers affirmatively.
<b>TAPE 39, A</b>		
002	Sen. Atkinson	Responds people are still going to try to buy elections. States philosophically we are on the same page but asks for further clarification.
011	Sen. Schrader	Answers under the new law the PAC would have to report under the new guidelines.
013	Sen. Beyer	Asks without this bill what would be the timelines.
015	Ted Reutlinger	Answers the second one is due not later than twelve days before the date of the election and then the supplement dates.
017	Sen. Schrader	Notes the goal of the bill was to add three more dates for reporting.
030	Co-chair Brown	Closes work session on SB 379 and adjourns committee meeting at 3:43 p.m.

### EXHIBIT SUMMARY

**A – SB 457, -1 amendments (4-3-03), staff, 1 p**

**B – SB 457, -2 amendments (4-9-03), staff, 1 p**

**C – SB 379, -1 amendments (4-16-03), staff, 12 pp**