

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON RULES AND REORGANIZATION Subcommittee on Rules

May 3, 1993 Hearing Room H 170 1:30 p.m. Tapes 22 - 23

MEMBERS PRESENT: Rep. Fred Girod, Chair Rep. Lonnie Roberts Rep. Dave McTeague Rep. Cedric Hayden

STAFF PRESENT: Adrienne Sexton, Committee Administrator Kenneth Brady, Committee Clerk

MEASURES CONSIDERED: SB 159 A - Modifies procedures for Oregon Government Ethics Commission

HB 3423 - Changes date of biennial primary election

HB 2556 - Defines procedure for filling vacancy in Legislative Assembly

WITNESSES: William Love, SB 159 A Pat Hearn, SB 159 A Marc Overbeck, SB 159 A John Stubenvoll, SB 159 A Joel Ario, HB 3423 Ted Reutlinger, HB 3423

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TAPE 22, SIDE A

003 REPRESENTATIVE FRED GIROD, SUBCOMMITTEE CHAIR: Convenes meeting at 1:36 p.m. -Opens hearing on SB 159 A.

PUBLIC HEARING - SB 159 A

007 WILLIAM LOVE: Submits written testimony (EXHIBITS A & B) with an amendment to SB 159 A.

049 PAT HEARN: We have nothing further to add.

058 MARC OVERBECK: We provided written testimony at the last hearing. -Summarizes information that shows some concerns about ethics commission and investigations.

122 JOHN STUBENVOLL: In support of section 10 of SB 159 A.

136 REPRESENTATIVE DAVE MCTEAGUE: Have you seen the State Treasurer's comments about that?

142 STUBENVOLL: Responds.

145 MCTEAGUE: Do you think there will be problems recruiting for state positions because employees will not be able to return to that industry they came from?

151 STUBENVOLL: Responds.

157 GIROD: Closes public hearing on SB 159 A. -Opens public hearing on HB 3423.

PUBLIC HEARING - HB 3423

185 JOEL ARIO: Submits written testimony (EXHIBIT C) in support of parts of HB 3423. -Notes what is good and what is bad about the bill.

202 REPRESENTATIVE LONNIE ROBERTS: Does that mean that contributions can't be made to candidates?

207 ARIO: Responds.

220 ROBERTS: That would strengthen the political parties.

227 ARIO: That's our intent. -Continues testimony.

282 MCTEAGUE: Are you referring to the -2 amendments as being the bill?

288 ARIO: I'm referring to the annotated bill.

306 ADRIENNE SEXTON, COMMITTEE ADMINISTRATOR: Mr. Ario is working from the conceptual amendments which later became the -2 amendments.

318 ARIO: Continues testimony.

TAPE 23, SIDE A

029 REPRESENTATIVE CEDRIC HAYDEN: Why do we pay at all to have information put in the Voter's Pamphlet?

038 ARIO: Responds.

048 ROBERTS: This will lead into bureaucrats running the elections.

061 HAYDEN: As we reduce the costs of campaigns, will it reduce the amount of work going into the private sector?

071 ARIO: Responds.

100 HAYDEN: No matter how we get the money, shouldn't the money be paid legitimately?

107 ARIO: That's an important point.

140 HAYDEN: Couldn't we have that kind of thing now? Inform the voters?

147 ARIO: Responds.

156 GIROD: This bill eliminates bounty payments.

162 ARIO: We support that elimination.

180 GIROD: Notes the problems since the first amendment of the constitution wouldn't allow limits.

188 ARIO: Responds.

211 HAYDEN: Would you support assigning a value to volunteers that work on the election?

229 ARIO: Responds.

257 HAYDEN: Gives an example.

266 ARIO: Responds.

290 MCTEAGUE: What is the thinking behind the -2 amendments?

296 GIROD: The possibility of third parties coming in.

309 SEXTON: Notes the -2 amendments. -Summarizes HB 3423 section by section (EXHIBIT D). -Summarizes sections 1 through 6.

411 GIROD: Does anything restrict the amount a PAC can give another PAC?

422 SEXTON: Those are prohibited. -Summarizes sections 7, 8, 9.

TAPE 22, SIDE B

040 GIROD: That affects corporations and labor unions, etc. so that contributions can't be subdivided.

050 HAYDEN: How do you stop individuals from doing that?

055 GIROD: You don't.

057 MCTEAGUE: Gives an example. Would that apply to them?

062 GIROD: Yes.

066 HAYDEN: How much does it cost to form a corporation? -Could individuals create corporations or PACs and then make the contributions?

094 TED REUTLINGER, LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL: If the people were interlinked between the PACs, then they would be prohibited from doing that under

this legislation.

114 HAYDEN: No, what if each of them have individual, autonomous PACs. Then what?

121 REUTLINGER: That's possible, but a PAC has to have two people.

133 SEXTON: Continues with sections 8 and 9 in -2 amendments.

150 ROBERTS: Three times the contribution can't exceed 500 dollars?

167 REUTLINGER: No, it would be the greater of either 500 dollars or three times the amount of the contribution.

174 SEXTON: Continues with sections 10, 11.

201 MCTEAGUE: Could we limit how much could be spent instead of contributed?

211 REUTLINGER: Good question.

231 SEXTON: Continues with sections 13, 14.

259 GIROD: Asks a question on page 6. A corporation could give a contribution but its subsidiaries could not?

277 REUTLINGER: Correct. -Explains.

280 GIROD: What are the general feelings on this?

285 MCTEAGUE: We need to address the overall issue some way or another.

306 GIROD: Closes public hearing on HB 3423. -Adjourns as 2:53 p.m.

Submitted by:

Reviewed by:

Kenneth Brady
Administrator

Adrienne Sexton Clerk

EXHIBIT LOG:

A - Testimony on SB 159 A - William Love - 3 pages B - Proposed amendments to SB 159 A - William Love - 1 page C - Testimony on HB 3423 - Joel Ario - 10 pages D - HB 3423 as amended - Staff - 35 pages