

## **HB 2894-3**

### **Campaign Finance Disclosure**

HB 2894 was originally a bill about campaign contribution limits, but our proposed amendments will instead deal with campaign finance disclosure. The -3 amendments will provide clarity for voters on who is paying for campaign materials and advertisements and how those people and groups are funded. Oregon voters are clamoring for reforms to our elections systems, and we believe that providing transparency to voters about who is funding campaigns is one key way to address that concern. The measure is similar to bills recently passed in Washington and Connecticut and has bipartisan support.

#### **Who the bill applies to:**

- Anyone making purchases regarding elections: Candidates, political parties, PACs, and other groups making independent expenditures.

#### **What the bill requires:**

- The Officer of Record of any group that spends more than \$1000 on a campaign material must include their name and group's business address as well as a statement of support for the message in the campaign material.
- The materials must also include the names of the top three contributors to the group purchasing the campaign ad as well as the Officers of Record for those Top Three Donors.
- There are special rules for TV ads and radio ads and an exemption for lawn signs.

#### **Enforcement and Fiscal Impact:**

- The Secretary of State will not perform spot checks but will instead respond to complaints using their current enforcement mechanisms. Their office says this proposal will not generate a fiscal impact.

## Example of Bill in action using Friends of Greg Matthews 2010 Election Donations

- Point 8 font; message approval from Candidate/Officer of Record with PAC's address; and top three donors with their Officers of Record.

<b>This Message Approved by Greg Matthews</b>	
PO Box 2376 Gresham, OR 97030 320 N Main Ave Ste. 270 Gresham, OR	
<b>TOP DONORS</b>	<b>Officers of Record</b>
Portland Metro Area Firefighters PAC (223)	(Michael White)
Future PAC Housebuilders (1524)	(Dave Hunt, Peter Buckley)
AGC Committee for Action (4)	(Fred Williams)