2023 SENATE STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT

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2023 SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE MINUTES

State and Local Government Committee
Room JW216, State Capitol

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2/2/2023

Relating to campaign contribution limitations in legislative races; relating to campaign disclosure statements, provide a penalty.

9:50 AM Vice-Chair Barta opened the hearing. Present: Vice Chair Barta, Sen Cleary, Sen Estenson, Sen J Lee, and Sen Braunberger. Chair Roers was absent.

Discussion Topics:

- Reports
- Transparency

Sen Magrum, Dist 8, bill sponsor testified in support. Brought amendment 23.0449.01002. #19025

10:08 AM Vice Chair Barta closed the hearing.

Pam Dever, Committee Clerk

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10:48 AM Chair Roers opened committee work. Present: Chair Roers, Vice Chair Barta, Sen Cleary, Sen Estenson, Sen J Lee, and Sen Braunberger.

Discussion Topics:

- Bill review
- Infraction definition

Sen Barta moved amendment 23.0449.01002 #19025.

Sen Estenson seconded the motion.

Sen Barta withdrew his motion.

Sen Estenson withdrew her second.

Sen Lee moved to add ‘infraction’ to the amendment.

Sen Estenson seconded the motion.

Sen Lee withdrew her motion.

Sen Estenson withdrew her second.

Chair Roers asked for more investigation.

11:04 AM Chair Roers adjourned the meeting.

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4:22 PM Chair Roers opened committee work. Present: Chair Roers, Vice Chair Barta, Sen Cleary, Sen Estenson, Sen J Lee, and Sen Braunberger.

Discussion Topics:

- Committee action

Sen Cleary moved a DO NOT PASS.

Sen Lee seconded.

Senators	Vote
Senator Kristin Roers	N
Senator Jeff Barta	Y
Senator Ryan Braunberger	Y
Senator Sean Cleary	Y
Senator Judy Estenson	Y
Senator Judy Lee	Y

VOTE: YES – 5 NO – 1 Absent – 0 Motion PASSED

Sen Cleary will carry the bill.

4:27 PM Chair Roers adjourned the meeting.

Pam Dever, Committee Clerk

REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE

SB 2315: State and Local Government Committee (Sen. K. Roers, Chairman) recommends **DO NOT PASS** (5 YEAS, 1 NAY, 0 ABSENT AND NOT VOTING). SB 2315 was placed on the Eleventh order on the calendar. This bill does not affect workforce development.

TESTIMONY

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23.0449.01002

Sixty-eighth
Legislative Assembly
of North Dakota

SENATE BILL NO. 2315

Introduced by

Senator Magrum

Representative Hoverson

A BILL for an Act to create and enact a new section to chapter 16.1-08.1 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to campaign contribution limitations in legislative races; to amend and reenact subsection 4 of section 16.1-08.1-02.3, subsection 4 of section 16.1-08.1-02.4, and section 16.1-08.1-03.14 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to campaign disclosure statements; and to provide a penalty.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF NORTH DAKOTA:

SECTION 1. A new section to chapter 16.1-08.1 of the North Dakota Century Code is created and enacted as follows:

Contributions to legislative candidate's campaign committee - Limitation.

1. A legislative candidate or the candidate's campaign committee may accept contributions during any calendar year as follows:
   a. Not to exceed ~~one thousand~~two thousand five hundred dollars from an individual, unless the individual is the candidate or a member of the candidate's immediate family, in which case contributions may be made without limit;
   b. Not to exceed ~~one thousand~~two thousand five hundred dollars from a political committee, except a contribution may be made from a candidate committee, multicandidate committee, or political action committee without limit; or
   c. Without limit from a political party.
2. A violation of this section is a class B misdemeanor. A subsequent offense within a calendar year is a class A misdemeanor.

SECTION 2. AMENDMENT. Subsection 4 of section 16.1-08.1-02.3 of the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

4. A person required to file a statement under this section, other than a candidate for judicial office, county office, or city office, or a candidate committee for a candidate

exempted under this subsection, shall report each aggregated contribution from a contributor which totals ~~five~~~~one~~two thousand five hundred dollars or more during the reporting period. For these contributions from individuals, the statement must include the contributor's occupation, employer, and the employer's principal place of business.

SECTION 3. AMENDMENT. Subsection 4 of section 16.1-08.1-02.4 of the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

4. A person required to file a statement under this section shall disclose each aggregated contribution from a contributor which totals ~~five~~~~one~~two thousand five hundred dollars or more during the reporting period. For these contributions from individuals, the statement must include the contributor's occupation, employer, and the employer's principal place of business.

SECTION 4. AMENDMENT. Section 16.1-08.1-03.14 of the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

16.1-08.1-03.14. Conduit required to provide detailed contribution information to recipient.

A conduit that transfers any contribution to a candidate, political party, or political committee shall provide the recipient of the contribution a detailed statement that lists the name and address of each individual contributor, the amount of each contribution, and the date each contribution was received. The conduit also shall include on the statement the occupation, employer, and principal place of business of each contributor, or the political committee if not already registered according to state or federal law, which contributed ~~five~~~~one~~two thousand five hundred dollars or more in the aggregate during a reporting period applicable to the candidate, political party, or political committee. The conduit shall provide the statement to the candidate, political party, or political committee in a manner to allow the candidate, political party, or political committee to file any statement required to be filed under this chapter.