



NOTICE OF PROPOSED RULEMAKING INCLUDING STATEMENT OF NEED & FISCAL IMPACT

CHAPTER 165
SECRETARY OF STATE
ELECTIONS DIVISION

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FILING CAPTION: Outlining allowed sources of moneys to the Campaign Finance Education Fund

LAST DAY AND TIME TO OFFER COMMENT TO AGENCY: 11/21/2025 5:00 PM

The Agency requests public comment on whether other options should be considered for achieving the rule's substantive goals while reducing negative economic impact of the rule on business.

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HEARING(S)

Auxiliary aids for persons with disabilities are available upon advance request. Notify the contact listed above.

DATE: 11/07/2025

TIME: 11:30 AM - 12:00 PM

OFFICER: Coline Benson

REMOTE HEARING DETAILS

MEETING URL: [Click here to join the meeting](#)

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SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS:

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NEED FOR THE RULE(S)

This rule is needed to specify that moneys deposited into the Campaign Finance Education Fund created by HB 4024 (2024) may only come from allowed sources. Without these source limitations, a perception could exist that the Elections Division accepts moneys from sources not otherwise allowed to engage in certain aspects of the field.

DOCUMENTS RELIED UPON, AND WHERE THEY ARE AVAILABLE

HB 4024 (2024)

STATEMENT IDENTIFYING HOW ADOPTION OF RULE(S) WILL AFFECT RACIAL EQUITY IN THIS STATE

This rule promotes racial equity by protecting against implicit bias and ensuring that the same guidelines and procedures apply consistently to all regulated stakeholders.

FISCAL AND ECONOMIC IMPACT:

This proposed rule implements a provision of HB 4024 (2024). This new creates additional limitations for the Elections Division beyond those found in statute and will likely have a fiscal and economic impact on the Secretary of State's office. The fiscal and economic impact of these rules to regulated stakeholders is expected to be minimal.

COST OF COMPLIANCE:

(1) Identify any state agencies, units of local government, and members of the public likely to be economically affected by the rule(s). (2) Effect on Small Businesses: (a) Estimate the number and type of small businesses subject to the rule(s); (b) Describe the expected reporting, recordkeeping and administrative activities and cost required to comply with the rule(s); (c) Estimate the cost of professional services, equipment supplies, labor and increased administration required to comply with the rule(s).

The proposed rule will create an economic impact on the Secretary of State, Elections Divisions and Business Services Division. Limiting the sources of revenue for this fund creates additional requirements for the Business Services Division to validate prior to accepting moneys and potentially foregoes resources that could fund agency operations.

DESCRIBE HOW SMALL BUSINESSES WERE INVOLVED IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF THESE RULE(S):

These rules regulate the Secretary of State's office and entities depositing moneys into the Campaign Finance Education Fund. While small businesses may be involved in providing services to regulated entities, they pass incurred costs on to their clients, the regulated entities. As such, these rules do not regulate small businesses as a class. Further, the costs they would incur and pass on to the regulated entity is dependent on the specific facts of their unique choices and circumstances and cannot be readily determined.

WAS AN ADMINISTRATIVE RULE ADVISORY COMMITTEE CONSULTED? YES

ADOPT: 165-012-0810

RULE SUMMARY: This rule describes the sources of funding for the Campaign Finance Education Fund required by HB 4024 (2024). While the law allowed funds from any source, this rule narrows the allowed sources to reduce potential conflicts of interest and to reduce security concerns.

CHANGES TO RULE:

165-012-0810

Campaign Finance Education Fund

(1) The purpose of this rule is to specify allowable appropriations or transfers of moneys to the Campaign Finance Education Fund created under section 5b, chapter 9, Oregon Laws 2024. For purposes of this rule, the term "Candidate Committee" refers to Candidate Committee as defined by OAR 165-012-0005.

(2) In addition to appropriations or transfers by the Legislative Assembly, moneys can be transferred to this fund by two other methods:

(a) Candidate Committee unexpended funds that remain in the committee's accounts at the end of an election cycle;

(b) Any source identified as an allowable contributor to Candidate Committees by section 4(2)-(3), chapter 9, Oregon Laws 2024 and OAR 165-012-0005.

Statutory/Other Authority: HB 4024 (2024), ORS 246.150

Statutes/Other Implemented: HB 4024 (2024)