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SUPPLEMENTAL NOTE ON HOUSE BILL NO. 2517

As Recommended by House Committee on
Elections

Brief*

HB 2517 would amend Campaign Finance Act provisions regarding political advertising.

Current law defines corrupt political advertising as communications advocating for the nomination, election, or defeat of a clearly identified candidate for state or local office without including either the name of the chairperson or the treasurer of the sponsoring organization. The bill would require the name of only the chairperson of the sponsoring organization to be on such communications.

The bill also would make technical changes.

Background

The bill was introduced by the House Committee on Elections at the request of Representative Waggoner.

House Committee on Elections

In the House Committee hearing, the Executive Director of the Governmental Ethics Commission provided **proponent** testimony. He stated the attribution must add value to those receiving election-related communications and the bill would not prohibit adding the name of the treasurer in addition to that of the chairperson.

*Supplemental notes are prepared by the Legislative Research Department and do not express legislative intent. The supplemental note and fiscal note for this bill may be accessed on the Internet at <http://www.kslegislature.org>

No other testimony was provided.

Fiscal Information

According to the fiscal note prepared by the Division of the Budget, the Governmental Ethics Commission states any fiscal effect of enactment of the bill would be negligible, and the Secretary of State indicates it would have no fiscal effect. Any fiscal effect associated with enactment of the bill is not reflected in *The FY 2025 Governor's Budget Report*.

Campaign; corrupt political advertising; Campaign Finance Act; publication; broadcast; communications