

SESSION OF 2026

SUPPLEMENTAL NOTE ON SENATE BILL NO. 451

As Amended by Senate Committee on Federal
and State Affairs

Brief*

SB 451, as amended, would amend election campaign finance law regarding the campaign treasurer's report. The bill would require the treasurer's report for when an expenditure is made by payment to an advertising agency, public relations firm, or political consultants for disbursements to vendors to show the products and services provided by each vendor, including the date and purpose of each expenditure.

[*Note:* Current law requires the report of such expenditure to show in detail the name of each vendor and the amount, date, and purpose of payments to each.]

The bill would also make technical changes.

Background

The bill was introduced by the Senate Committee on Federal and State Affairs at the request of a representative of the Office of the Secretary of State (Office).

Senate Committee on Federal and State Affairs

In the Senate Committee hearing, **proponent** testimony was provided by a representative of the Office, who generally stated that the bill would simplify campaign reporting by

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requiring a single entry for the direct contractor that reflects the total expenditure, applicable dates, and all products and services provided by the contractor, whether directly or indirectly.

Written-only proponent testimony was provided by two private citizens.

Written-only **opponent** testimony was provided by a representative of Health Forward Foundation, who stated that the bill would increase administrative requirements for campaign finance reporting in ways that would disproportionately impact small campaigns and grassroots efforts.

No other testimony was provided.

The Senate Committee amended the bill to remove language specifying the expenditure information would be shown in detail.

Fiscal Information

According to the fiscal note prepared by the Division of the Budget on the bill, as introduced, the Office and the Public Disclosure Commission indicate enactment of the bill would not have a fiscal effect.

Elections; campaign finance; products and services