

SESSION OF 2013

SUPPLEMENTAL NOTE ON HOUSE BILL NO. 2381

As Amended by House Committee on Elections

Brief*

HB 2381 would amend sections of the Campaign Finance Act related to contributions, solicitation of contributions, and acceptance of contributions. The bill, as amended, would allow any person to make contributions at any time to any political committee established by a state political party committee and designated as a recognized political committee for the Senate or House of Representatives. Currently, registered lobbyists, political committees, and persons, other than individuals, are prohibited from contributing to such committees when the Legislature is in session.

The bill also would impact the laws concerning the acceptance and solicitation of campaign contributions. The bill would allow the political committees described above to solicit and accept contributions from registered lobbyists, political committees, or persons, other than individuals, at any time. Under current law, such solicitation or acceptance of contributions is prohibited when the Legislature is in session.

Finally, the bill would allow any candidate or committee to solicit donations *via* social media, as long as the solicitations did not target specific individuals.

Background

Representative Suellentrop appeared as the only proponent of the bill at the House Committee meeting. There was no opponent or neutral testimony.

*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>

The House Committee amended the bill by adding language allowing general solicitations for donations delivered *via* social media if the solicitations do not target specific individuals.

The fiscal note prepared by the Division of the Budget on the original bill indicated the bill would have no fiscal effect on the Governmental Ethics Commission budget.