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Bill Topic: **CONTRIBUTION LIMITS FOR SCHOOL DISTRICT DIRECTOR CANDIDATES**

Summary of Fiscal Impact:

<input type="checkbox"/> State Revenue	<input type="checkbox"/> TABOR Refund
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> State Expenditure	<input type="checkbox"/> Local Government
<input type="checkbox"/> State Transfer	<input type="checkbox"/> Statutory Public Entity

This bill sets campaign contribution limits for school district director candidates. The bill increases state expenditures in FY 2020-21 only; it also potentially increases workload on an ongoing basis.

Appropriation Summary: The bill requires an appropriation of \$7,000 to the Department of State in FY 2020-21.

Fiscal Note Status: This fiscal note reflects the introduced bill.

Table 1
State Fiscal Impacts Under HB 20-1066

		FY 2020-21	FY 2021-22
Revenue		-	-
Expenditures	Cash Funds	\$7,000	-
Transfers		-	-
TABOR Refund		-	-

Summary of Legislation

The bill establishes contribution limits and disclosure requirements for school district director candidates. These contribution are set in statute and must be periodically adjusted for inflation consistent with other contribution limits. The maximum aggregate contribution that a candidate or candidate committee for a school board can accept for a regular biennial school election or special school election are as follows:

- \$2,500 from any individual other than a small donor committee; and
- \$25,000 from a small donor committee.

The bill also subjects these contributions to existing statutory provisions governing campaign contribution disclosure, and establishes a reporting schedule.

Background

The Department of State maintains the Transparency in Contribution and Expenditure Reporting (TRACER) system, which tracks campaign finance contributions for all candidates and committees required to report to the state. Quest Information Systems (Quest) is under contract with the Department of State and manages TRACER. The Department of State must engage Quest for any modifications to the system.

State Expenditures

In FY 2020-21 only, this bill increases cash fund expenditures in the Department of State by \$7,000 to make programming changes to TRACER.

Violations of campaign contribution limits or disclosure requirements can result in complaints being filed with the Department of State, and cases being transferred to the Office of Administrative Courts within the Department of Personnel and Administration. The bill may increase workload for the Department of State and Department of Personnel and Administration if the number of complaints and cases increase. This fiscal note assumes that any increase in caseload will be minimal and can be handled within existing appropriations.

Effective Date

The bill takes effect July 1, 2020, and applies to the portion of any election cycle or for the portion of the calendar year remaining after this date, and for any election cycle or calendar year commencing after this date.

State Appropriations

For FY 2020-21, this bill requires an appropriation of \$7,000 from the Department of State Cash Fund to the Department of State.

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