

Government Administration and Elections Committee

JOINT FAVORABLE REPORT

Bill No: SB-490 / [Bill Status](#) / [Public Hearing Testimony](#)

Title: AN ACT CONCERNING ONLINE POLITICAL DONATION PLATFORMS AND
LIMITING AUTOMATICALLY RECURRING CONTRIBUTIONS.

Vote Date: 3/23/2026

Vote Action: Joint Favorable

PH Date: 3/18/2026

File No.:

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SPONSORS OF BILL:

The Government Administration and Elections Committee

REASONS FOR BILL:

Many political campaigns use online services to collect donations when fundraising; sometimes, these online services will charge processing fees for electronic fund transfers to cover the cost of doing business. To ensure that only contributions made to a campaign committee – not operating costs imposed by an online service – are counted as contributions, this bill exempts those payments from the definition of "contribution". Additionally, to ensure that campaign contributors do not inadvertently contribute more than they mean to, the bill prohibits those online platforms from taking automatically recurring contributions without affirmative consent.

RESPONSE FROM ADMINISTRATION/AGENCY:

None Expressed.

NATURE AND SOURCES OF SUPPORT:

Pamela Klem, Campaign Finance Specialist, League of Women Voters of Connecticut:

Ms. Klem expressed her support for this bill, commending the work that the committee has done over the last few years to define eligible campaign contributions. She also noted her appreciation for the measures limiting recurring contributions, asserting that they would improve transparency and ensure that fewer unintended contributions would be made.

NATURE AND SOURCES OF OPPOSITION:

None Expressed.

Reported by: Sam Sims

Date: 3/30/26