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New plan allocates millions in taxpayer dollars for politicians instead of schools

After refusing to fully fund schools by \$300 million, proposal from House Democrats would fund elections for political candidates

SALEM, Ore. – After refusing to fully fund schools, a proposal from House Democrats will soon be up for a vote to allocate possibly \$66 million every two years for candidates running for political offices in Oregon.

[HB 2680](#) allocates \$6 taxpayer dollars for every eligible dollar received if a political candidate meets certain criteria. The cap is \$400,000 for candidates running for an Oregon House seat and \$600,000 for a candidate running for an Oregon Senate seat.

“Budgets express priorities,” said House Republican Leader Christine Drazan (R-Canby). “Republicans believe that we should be using taxpayer dollars this year to fully fund education so schools can fully reopen by the fall. Democrats are choosing to fund political ambitions instead. That’s a decision they’ve made, and it’s wrong.”

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