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This blast continues our series of emails on Money in Politics. When we find timely information on the topics of campaign finance reform, publicly financed campaigns, and money in politics, we share with you.

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### Show Your Support for Campaign Finance Reform in Colorado

Four new bills have been introduced in the Colorado Legislature this session. Two specify limits on expenditures and on contributions, one of them for county office candidates. Two others define and require disclosure of those who fund electioneering communications.

Contact your legislator to urge support of sensible campaign finance reform. Find your legislator [here](#).

#### **HB17-1259 Independent Expenditure Committees & Candidates** [03/14/2017]

**Legislative Legal Services Summary:** ... any independent expenditure committee established, financed, or maintained by a candidate or candidate committee ... is subject to the contribution limits and restrictions that are imposed on candidate committees as specified in the state constitution. [Read more ...](#)

#### **HB17-1260 Contribution Limits for County Offices** [03/15/2017]

**Legislative Legal Services Summary:** Current law regulating campaign finance does not set limits on contributions to candidates for a county office. ...[This bill] sets the maximum amount of aggregate contributions that certain persons may make to a candidate committee

of a candidate for a county office, and that a candidate committee for such candidate may accept from such persons ... The bill defines "county office" to mean a county commissioner, county clerk and recorder, sheriff, coroner, treasurer, assessor, or surveyor. [Read more](#)

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#### **HB17-1261 Disclaimers Large Electioneering Communications [03/15/2017]**

**Legislative Legal Services Summary:** ... The bill requires any person who expends \$1,000 or more per calendar year on electioneering communications or regular biennial school electioneering communications to state in the communication the name of the person making the communication in accordance with existing statutory requirements for communication constituting an independent expenditure. For purposes of the bill, an "electioneering communication" includes a communication that satisfies all other requirements of the constitutional definition but that also is broadcast, printed, mailed, delivered, or distributed between the primary election and the general election. [Read more ...](#)

#### **HB17-1262 Expand Disclosure Electioneering Communications [03/15/2017]**

**Legislative Legal Services Summary:** An electioneering communication ... unambiguously refers to a candidate that is disseminated to the public within 30 days before a primary election or within 60 days before a general election. For purposes of campaign finance disclosure, ... the bill expand(s) the definition of this term in the "Fair Campaign Practices Act" to include any communication that satisfies all other requirements of the definition of the term specified in the state constitution but that is broadcast, printed, mailed, delivered, or distributed between the primary election and the general election. [Read more ...](#)

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