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Overview

This bill requires that local campaign finance reports be posted online, and increases the contribution limits for local candidates and local candidate committees.

Section

- Online accessibility; reports. Requires that campaign finance reports filed by local candidates be filed online. The applicable local government must post the reports on its website. A link to the website where the reports can be found must be posted on the website of the Campaign Finance and Public Disclosure Board.
- **Contribution limits.** Increase the limit on contributions that may be accepted by a local candidate or local candidate's committee.

For candidates in territory with a population of 100,000 or less, current law permits receipt of contributions of up to \$300 in an election year, and \$100 in any other year. The bill would increase those limits to \$600 in an election year and \$250 in other years.

For candidates with territory with a population of more than 100,000, the limits are increased from \$500 in an election year to \$1,000, and in other years from \$100 to \$250.