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LD 1610 / IB0001

An Act to Prohibit Campaign Spending by Foreign Governments and Promote an Anticorruption Amendment to the United States Constitution. Referred to the Joint Standing Committee on Veterans and Legal Affairs. Public Hearing 05/03/23. Majority (OTP-AM) Report Accepted 06/23/23. Amended by: CA H-688. Enacted. (Veto Sustained 07/25/23). Final Disposition: Approved at Referendum, 11/07/23 (In favor: 348,781; Opposed: 55,226), INITIATED BILL, Chapter 2.

Original Bill

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Committee Materials

Joint Standing Committee on Veterans and Legal Affairs

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[Public Hearing \(Audio File\) \(VLA\) \(05/03/2023\)](#)

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News Articles

Campaign spending by foreign governments threatens our democracy (Kerem Durdag) (Portland Press Herald, 4/13/2023, p. A5) ● (Available on request—please include the following citation: 131/LD16xx/nc131-LD-1610/PPH 230413E.pdf)

Popular Maine cause may have missed its easiest shot at passing (Michael Shepherd) (Bangor Daily News, 5/4/2023, p. A8) ● (Available on request—please include the following citation: 131/LD16xx/nc131-LD-1610/BDN 230504F.pdf)

Lawmakers can enact referendums, top court rules (Randy Billings) (Portland Press Herald, 6/12/2023, p. B1, B4) ● (Available on request—please include the following citation: 131/LD16xx/nc131-LD-1610/PPH 230610C.pdf)

Mills vetoes bills to ban foreign spending on referendums (Dennis Hoey) (Portland Press Herald, 7/20/2023, p. B1, B3) ● (Available on request—please include the following citation: 131/LD16xx/nc131-LD-1610/PPH 230720E.pdf)

Foreign electioneering ban could go to Maine ballot after Mills' veto (Billy Kobin) (Bangor Daily News, 7/21/2023, p. A1, A4) ● (Available on request—please include the following citation: 131/LD16xx/nc131-LD-1610/BDN 230721D.pdf)

Lawmakers uphold Mills' vetoes (Billy Kobin) (Bangor Daily News, 7/26/2023, p. A1, A2) ● (Available on request—please include the following citation: 131/LD16xx/nc131-LD-1610/BDN 230726A.pdf)

Effort to ban foreign campaign spending shifts focus (Randy Billings) (Portland Press Herald, 7/26/2023, p. A1, A3) ● (Available on request—please include the following citation: 131/LD16xx/nc131-LD-1610/PPH 230726A.pdf)

Mills right to veto foreign campaign spending bill (Matthew Gagnon) (Bangor Daily News, 7/27/2023, p. A7) ● (Available on request—please include the following citation: 131/LD16xx/nc131-LD-1610/BDN 230727D.pdf)

Maine media organizations oppose foreign electioneering ban, citing enforcement concerns (Steve Mistler) (Bangor Daily News, 9/14/2023, p. A1, A2) ● (Available on request—please include the following citation: 131/LD16xx/nc131-LD-1610/BDN 230914A.pdf)

Voters will decide foreign entities' role in election spending (Randy Billings) (Portland Press Herald, 10/4/2023, p. A1, A6) ● (Available on request—please include the following citation: 131/LD16xx/nc131-LD-1610/PPH 231004B.pdf)

Vote yes on 2 to protect Maine elections (Rick Bennett) (Sun Journal (Lewiston), 10/25/2023, p. A6) ● (Available on request—please include the following citation: 131/LD16xx/nc131-LD-1610/Sun Journal 231025B.pdf)

Money in politics is a problem Question 2 won't solve it (Editorial) (Portland Press Herald, 11/2/2023, p. A4) ● (Available on request—please include the following citation: 131/LD16xx/nc131-LD-1610/PPH 231102D.pdf)

Let's protect Maine elections from foreign interference (Anna Kellar) (Portland Press Herald, 11/6/2023, p. A5) ● (Available on request—please include the following citation: 131/LD16xx/nc131-LD-1610/PPH 231104D.pdf)

Voters pass ban on foreign spending in campaigns (Randy Billings) (Portland Press Herald, 11/8/2023, p. B1, B3) ● (Available on request—please include the following citation: 131/LD16xx/nc131-LD-1610/PPH 231108D.pdf)

Maine bans foreign electioneering despite Mills' concerns (Michael Shepherd) (Bangor Daily News, 11/9/2023, p. A2) ● (Available on request—please include the following citation: 131/LD16xx/nc131-LD-1610/BDN 231109D.pdf)

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