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559 Introduction and first reading
Referred to Elections

OFFICIAL STATUS

- 1.1 A bill for an act
- 1.2 relating to campaign finance; requiring the Campaign Finance and Public Disclosure
- 1.3 Board to study campaign spending limits.
- 1.4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:
- 1.5 Section 1. **CAMPAIGN SPENDING LIMITS STUDY.**
- 1.6 The Campaign Finance and Public Disclosure Board must study the voluntary campaign
- 1.7 spending limits as provided in this section. By January 15, 2026, the board must report to
- 1.8 the chairs and ranking minority members of the legislative committees with jurisdiction
- 1.9 over the board with its findings and recommendations. At a minimum, the board must study
- 1.10 and report on:
- 1.11 (1) the number of candidates that participate in the public subsidy program, broken down
- 1.12 by office;
- 1.13 (2) the number of candidates that do not participate in the public subsidy program, broken
- 1.14 down by office;
- 1.15 (3) historic trend data for the past ten years for the information in clauses (1) and (2);
- 1.16 (4) for candidates that do not participate in the public subsidy program, how much the
- 1.17 candidate and the candidate's opponent spends and how much is spent on independent
- 1.18 expenditures in the race;
- 1.19 (5) how other states set voluntary campaign spending limits, including:
- 1.20 (i) if other states distinguish between highly contested races and other races in the amount
- 1.21 of funding provided or spending allowed;

- 2.1 (ii) if other states have an automatic inflator on the subsidies and limits; and
- 2.2 (iii) the level of candidate participation over time in the programs; and
- 2.3 (6) any recommendations the board has regarding the current public subsidy program
- 2.4 in Minnesota and whether the current spending limits are appropriate.