

**House File 53 - Introduced**

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**A BILL FOR**

1 An Act relating to independent expenditures.

2 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. Section 68A.404, subsection 1, Code 2023, is  
2 amended to read as follows:

3 1. As used in [this section](#), "*independent expenditure*" means  
4 one or more expenditures in excess of one thousand dollars in  
5 the aggregate for a communication that expressly advocates  
6 the nomination, election, or defeat of a clearly identified  
7 candidate or the passage or defeat of a ballot issue that  
8 is made without the prior approval or coordination with a  
9 candidate, candidate's committee, a political party as defined  
10 in section 43.2, or a ballot issue committee.

11 EXPLANATION

12 The inclusion of this explanation does not constitute agreement with  
13 the explanation's substance by the members of the general assembly.

14 This bill changes the definition of "independent  
15 expenditure" for purposes of campaign finance to include one  
16 or more expenditures in excess of \$1,000 in the aggregate  
17 for a communication that expressly advocates the nomination,  
18 election, or defeat of a clearly identified candidate or the  
19 passage or defeat of a ballot issue that is made without the  
20 prior approval or coordination with a political party. Under  
21 current law, persons making independent expenditures are  
22 subject to certain reporting requirements.