



# IOWA HOUSE DEMOCRATS

## Amendment SUMMARY

# Prohibition on Promotion HF 2469

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**Status of Bill:** House Calendar

**Committee:** State Government (14-9)

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### H-8251 by Sexton of Calhoun

This amendment is a strike after amendment that's goal is to prohibit self-promotion of public officials with taxpayer funds. The amendment applies to statewide elected officials as well as members of the General Assembly.

The amendment prohibits the spending of public money or money held in a private trust fund for any paid advertisement or promotion bearing the written name, likeness, or voice of the elected official.

The types of advertisements that are prohibited are the following:

- Paid direct mailing.
- Paid radio communication.
- Paid newspaper ad.
- Paid television communication.
- Paid internet advertisement.
- Paid exhibit at the Iowa State Fair or county fair.

These prohibitions do not apply to common and frequent constituent correspondence containing the name of the elected official.

If an elected official violates any of these provisions they are subject to a civil penalty up to the amount of money taken from the public account or private trust. Campaign Ethics will have jurisdiction over the penalties. The board may also add on criminal or civil penalties if they believe it is necessary.

Penalties are too be paid by the candidate's committee.

### H-8252 by Steckman of Cerro Gordo

This amendment adds that if an elected official or public partisan staff is found guilty of sexual harassment, the reward to the victim is to be paid by the candidate's campaign committee or the committee of the party of the partisan staff.