

States the prohibit foreign entity contributions
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California:

Cal. Gov. Code § 85320(a):

https://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/codes_displayText.xhtml?lawCode=GOV&division=&title=9.&part=&chapter=5.&article=3.#:~:text=85320.,state%20or%20local%20ballot%20measure
85320.

(a) No foreign government or foreign principal shall make, directly or through any other person, any contribution, expenditure, or independent expenditure in connection with the qualification or support of, or opposition to, any state or local ballot measure.

Colorado:

Colo. Rev. Stat. § 1-45-107.5: <https://codes.findlaw.com/co/title-1-elections/co-rev-st-sect-1-45-107-5.html>

(1) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, no foreign corporation may expend moneys on an independent expenditure in connection with an election in the state.

Maryland:

Md. Code, Election Law § 13-236.1

<https://codes.findlaw.com/md/election-law/md-code-elec-law-sect-13-236-1.html>

(b) A foreign principal may not:

- (1) make a contribution to a ballot issue committee; or
- (2) make a donation to a person that makes independent expenditures or electioneering communications relating to a ballot issue.

Nevada:

Nev. Rev. Stat. § 294A.325

<https://www.leg.state.nv.us/NRS/NRS-294a.html#NRS294ASec325>

NRS 294A.325 Contributions or commitments to make contributions by foreign nationals prohibited; knowing solicitation, acceptance or receipt of such contributions or commitments prohibited; disposition of contributions received in violation of prohibition; penalty.

North Dakota:

N.D. Cent. Code § 16.1-08.1-03.15

<https://casetext.com/statute/north-dakota-century-code/title-161-elections/chapter-161-081-campaign-contribution-statements/section-161-081-0315-contributions-from-and-expenditures-by-foreign-nationals-prohibited>

1. A foreign national may not make or offer to make, directly or indirectly, a contribution or expenditure in connection with any election. 2. A candidate, candidate committee, political party,

or any other person may not solicit, accept, or receive, directly or indirectly, a contribution from a foreign national.³ For purposes of this section, unless the context otherwise requires, "foreign national" means a person that is:**a.** A foreign government;**b.** A foreign political party;**c.** A foreign corporation, partnership, association, organization, or other combination of persons organized under the laws of or having its principal place of business in a foreign country;**d.** An individual with foreign citizenship; **or e.** An individual who is not a citizen or national of the United States and is not admitted lawfully to the United States for permanent residence.

South Dakota:

12-27-21. Contributions from public entities--Prohibition--Violation as misdemeanor.

https://sdlegislature.gov/Statutes/Codified_Laws/2041185

No candidate or political committee may accept any contribution from any state, state agency, political subdivision of the state, foreign government, federal agency, or the federal government. A violation of this section is a Class 2 misdemeanor. A subsequent offense within a calendar year is a Class 1 misdemeanor.

Washington:

Wash. Rev. Code § 42.17A.417

<https://app.leg.wa.gov/RCW/default.aspx?cite=42.17A.417>

Foreign nationals—Contributions, expenditures, and electioneering prohibited.

(1) A foreign national may not make a contribution to any candidate or political committee, make an expenditure in support of or in opposition to any candidate or ballot measure, or sponsor political advertising or an electioneering communication.

(2) A person may not make a contribution to any candidate or political committee, make an expenditure in support of or in opposition to any candidate or ballot measure, or sponsor political advertising or an electioneering communication, if:

(a) The contribution, expenditure, political advertising, or electioneering communication is financed in any part by a foreign national; or

(b) Foreign nationals are involved in making decisions regarding the contribution, expenditure, political advertising, or electioneering communication in any way.