Sponsor(s): Representatives Pennington and Appelwick; by request of Public Disclosure Commission

Brief Title: Adjusting penalties for violations of public disclosure laws.

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Provides that, if a candidate or an officer of a candidate's authorized committee or of a political committee is found to have intentionally violated chapter 42.17 RCW, he or she may be ordered to pay any civil penalty that is imposed from personal funds.

Provides that a candidate who has not complied with an order issued under RCW 42.17.390 and the remedies imposed thereunder, shall not solicit or accept contributions or make expenditures until the candidate has complied with the order and the remedies so imposed.

Provides that a political committee that has not complied with an order issued under RCW 42.17.390 and the remedies imposed thereunder, shall not solicit or accept contributions or make expenditures until it has complied with the order and the remedies so imposed.

Provides that, if an officer of a political committee has not complied with an order issued under RCW 42.17.390, and the remedies imposed thereunder, then the political committee shall not solicit or accept contributions or make expenditures until the officer has complied with the order and the remedies so imposed.

Provides that a person who has not complied with an order issued under RCW 42.17.390, and the remedies imposed thereunder, shall not register as a lobbyist, receive compensation as a lobbyist, or make expenditures for lobbying expenses until the person has complied with the order and the remedies so imposed.

Provides that a sponsor of a grass roots lobbying campaign that has not complied with an order issued under RCW 42.17.390, and the remedies imposed thereunder, may not receive contributions or make expenditures for grass roots lobbying purposes until the sponsor has complied with the order and the remedies so imposed.