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5 Strike everything after the enacting clause and insert the
6 following:

7 "**Sec. 1.** RCW 42.17.640 and 1995 c 397 s 20 are each amended to
8 read as follows:

9 (1) No person, other than a bona fide political party or a caucus
10 political committee, may make contributions to a candidate for a state
11 legislative office that in the aggregate exceed five hundred dollars or
12 to a candidate for a state office other than a state legislative office
13 that in the aggregate exceed one thousand dollars for each election in
14 which the candidate is on the ballot or appears as a write-in
15 candidate. Contributions made with respect to a primary may not be
16 made after the date of the primary. However, contributions to a
17 candidate or a candidate's authorized committee may be made with
18 respect to a primary until thirty days after the primary, subject to
19 the following limitations: (a) The candidate lost the primary; (b) the
20 candidate's authorized committee has insufficient funds to pay debts
21 outstanding as of the date of the primary; and (c) the contributions
22 may only be raised and spent to satisfy the outstanding debt.
23 Contributions made with respect to a general election may not be made
24 after the final day of the applicable election cycle.

25 (2) No person, other than a bona fide political party or a caucus
26 political committee, may make contributions to a state official against
27 whom recall charges have been filed, or to a political committee having
28 the expectation of making expenditures in support of the recall of the
29 state official, during a recall campaign that in the aggregate exceed
30 five hundred dollars if for a state legislative office or one thousand
31 dollars if for a state office other than a state legislative office.

32 (3)(a) Notwithstanding subsection (1) of this section, no bona fide
33 political party or caucus political committee may make contributions to
34 a candidate during an election cycle that in the aggregate exceed (i)
35 fifty cents multiplied by the number of eligible registered voters in
36 the jurisdiction from which the candidate is elected if the contributor

1 is a caucus political committee or the governing body of a state
2 organization, or (ii) twenty-five cents multiplied by the number of
3 registered voters in the jurisdiction from which the candidate is
4 elected if the contributor is a county central committee or a
5 legislative district committee.

6 (b) No candidate may accept contributions from a county central
7 committee or a legislative district committee during an election cycle
8 that when combined with contributions from other county central
9 committees or legislative district committees would in the aggregate
10 exceed twenty-five cents times the number of registered voters in the
11 jurisdiction from which the candidate is elected.

12 (4)(a) Notwithstanding subsection (2) of this section, no bona fide
13 political party or caucus political committee may make contributions to
14 a state official against whom recall charges have been filed, or to a
15 political committee having the expectation of making expenditures in
16 support of the state official, during a recall campaign that in the
17 aggregate exceed (i) fifty cents multiplied by the number of eligible
18 registered voters in the jurisdiction entitled to recall the state
19 official if the contributor is a caucus political committee or the
20 governing body of a state organization, or (ii) twenty-five cents
21 multiplied by the number of registered voters in the jurisdiction from
22 which the candidate is elected if the contributor is a county central
23 committee or a legislative district committee.

24 (b) No state official against whom recall charges have been filed,
25 no authorized committee of the official, and no political committee
26 having the expectation of making expenditures in support of the recall
27 of a state official may accept contributions from a county central
28 committee or a legislative district committee during an election cycle
29 that when combined with contributions from other county central
30 committees or legislative district committees would in the aggregate
31 exceed twenty-five cents multiplied by the number of registered voters
32 in the jurisdiction from which the candidate is elected.

33 (5) For purposes of determining contribution limits under
34 subsections (3) and (4) of this section, the number of eligible
35 registered voters in a jurisdiction is the number at the time of the
36 most recent general election in the jurisdiction.

37 (6) Notwithstanding subsections (1) through (4) of this section, no
38 person other than an individual, bona fide political party, or caucus
39 political committee may make contributions reportable under this

1 chapter to a caucus political committee that in the aggregate exceed
2 five hundred dollars in a calendar year or to a bona fide political
3 party that in the aggregate exceed two thousand five hundred dollars in
4 a calendar year. This subsection does not apply to loans made in the
5 ordinary course of business.

6 (7) For the purposes of RCW 42.17.640 through 42.17.790, a
7 contribution to the authorized political committee of a candidate, or
8 of a state official against whom recall charges have been filed, is
9 considered to be a contribution to the candidate or state official.

10 (8) A contribution received within the twelve-month period after a
11 recall election concerning a state office is considered to be a
12 contribution during that recall campaign if the contribution is used to
13 pay a debt or obligation incurred to influence the outcome of that
14 recall campaign.

15 (9) The contributions allowed by subsection (2) of this section are
16 in addition to those allowed by subsection (1) of this section, and the
17 contributions allowed by subsection (4) of this section are in addition
18 to those allowed by subsection (3) of this section.

19 (10) RCW 42.17.640 through 42.17.790 apply to a special election
20 conducted to fill a vacancy in a state office. However, the
21 contributions made to a candidate or received by a candidate for a
22 primary or special election conducted to fill such a vacancy shall not
23 be counted toward any of the limitations that apply to the candidate or
24 to contributions made to the candidate for any other primary or
25 election.

26 (11) Notwithstanding the other subsections of this section, no
27 corporation or business entity not doing business in Washington state,
28 no labor union with fewer than ten members who reside in Washington
29 state, and no political committee that has not received contributions
30 of ten dollars or more from at least ten persons registered to vote in
31 Washington state during the preceding one hundred eighty days may make
32 contributions reportable under this chapter to a candidate, to a state
33 official against whom recall charges have been filed, or to a political
34 committee having the expectation of making expenditures in support of
35 the recall of the official. This subsection does not apply to loans
36 made in the ordinary course of business.

37 (12) Notwithstanding the other subsections of this section, no
38 county central committee or legislative district committee may make
39 contributions reportable under this chapter to a candidate, state

1 official against whom recall charges have been filed, or political
2 committee having the expectation of making expenditures in support of
3 the recall of a state official if the county central committee or
4 legislative district committee is outside of the jurisdiction entitled
5 to elect the candidate or recall the state official.

6 (13) No person may accept contributions that exceed the
7 contribution limitations provided in this section.

8 (14) The following contributions are exempt from the contribution
9 limits of this section:

10 (a) An expenditure or contribution earmarked for voter
11 registration, for absentee ballot information, for precinct caucuses,
12 for get-out-the-vote campaigns, for precinct judges or inspectors, for
13 sample ballots, or for ballot counting, all without promotion of or
14 political advertising for individual candidates; or

15 (b) An expenditure by a political committee for its own internal
16 organization or fund raising without direct association with individual
17 candidates."

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21 In line 2 of the title, after "primary;" strike the remainder of
22 the title and insert "and amending RCW 42.17.640."

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