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By Committee on State Government, Tribal Relations & Elections

1 Strike everything after the enacting clause and insert the
2 following:

3 "Sec. 1. RCW 42.17A.405 and 2013 c 311 s 1 are each amended to
4 read as follows:

5 (1) The contribution limits in this section apply to:

6 (a) Candidates for legislative office;

7 (b) Candidates for state office other than legislative office;

8 (c) Candidates for county office;

9 (d) Candidates for (~~special purpose~~) port district office (~~if~~
10 ~~that district is authorized to provide freight and passenger transfer~~
11 ~~and terminal facilities and that district has over two hundred~~
12 ~~thousand registered voters~~);

13 (e) Candidates for city council office;

14 (f) Candidates for mayoral office;

15 (g) Candidates for school board office;

16 (h) Candidates for public hospital district board of
17 commissioners in districts with a population over one hundred fifty
18 thousand;

19 (i) Persons holding an office in (a) through (h) of this
20 subsection against whom recall charges have been filed or to a
21 political committee having the expectation of making expenditures in
22 support of the recall of a person holding the office;

23 (j) Caucus political committees;

24 (k) Bona fide political parties.

25 (2) No person, other than a bona fide political party or a caucus
26 political committee, may make contributions to a candidate for a
27 legislative office, county office, city council office, mayoral
28 office, school board office, or public hospital district board of
29 commissioners that in the aggregate exceed eight hundred dollars or
30 to a candidate for a public office in a (~~special purpose~~) port
31 district or a state office other than a legislative office that in
32 the aggregate exceed one thousand six hundred dollars for each

1 election in which the candidate is on the ballot or appears as a
2 write-in candidate. Contributions to candidates subject to the limits
3 in this section made with respect to a primary may not be made after
4 the date of the primary. However, contributions to a candidate or a
5 candidate's authorized committee may be made with respect to a
6 primary until thirty days after the primary, subject to the following
7 limitations: (a) The candidate lost the primary; (b) the candidate's
8 authorized committee has insufficient funds to pay debts outstanding
9 as of the date of the primary; and (c) the contributions may only be
10 raised and spent to satisfy the outstanding debt. Contributions to
11 candidates subject to the limits in this section made with respect to
12 a general election may not be made after the final day of the
13 applicable election cycle.

14 (3) No person, other than a bona fide political party or a caucus
15 political committee, may make contributions to a state official, a
16 county official, a city official, a school board member, a public
17 hospital district commissioner, or a public official in a (~~special~~
18 ~~purpose~~) port district against whom recall charges have been filed,
19 or to a political committee having the expectation of making
20 expenditures in support of the recall of the state official, county
21 official, city official, school board member, public hospital
22 district commissioner, or public official in a (~~special purpose~~)
23 port district during a recall campaign that in the aggregate exceed
24 eight hundred dollars if for a legislative office, county office,
25 school board office, public hospital district office, or city office,
26 or one thousand six hundred dollars if for a (~~special purpose~~) port
27 district office or a state office other than a legislative office.

28 (4)(a) Notwithstanding subsection (2) of this section, no bona
29 fide political party or caucus political committee may make
30 contributions to a candidate during an election cycle that in the
31 aggregate exceed (i) eighty cents multiplied by the number of
32 eligible registered voters in the jurisdiction from which the
33 candidate is elected if the contributor is a caucus political
34 committee or the governing body of a state organization, or (ii)
35 forty cents multiplied by the number of registered voters in the
36 jurisdiction from which the candidate is elected if the contributor
37 is a county central committee or a legislative district committee.

38 (b) No candidate may accept contributions from a county central
39 committee or a legislative district committee during an election
40 cycle that when combined with contributions from other county central

1 committees or legislative district committees would in the aggregate
2 exceed forty cents times the number of registered voters in the
3 jurisdiction from which the candidate is elected.

4 (5)(a) Notwithstanding subsection (3) of this section, no bona
5 fide political party or caucus political committee may make
6 contributions to a state official, county official, city official,
7 school board member, public hospital district commissioner, or a
8 public official in a (~~special purpose~~) port district against whom
9 recall charges have been filed, or to a political committee having
10 the expectation of making expenditures in support of the state
11 official, county official, city official, school board member, public
12 hospital district commissioner, or a public official in a (~~special
13 purpose~~) port district during a recall campaign that in the
14 aggregate exceed (i) eighty cents multiplied by the number of
15 eligible registered voters in the jurisdiction entitled to recall the
16 state official if the contributor is a caucus political committee or
17 the governing body of a state organization, or (ii) forty cents
18 multiplied by the number of registered voters in the jurisdiction
19 from which the candidate is elected if the contributor is a county
20 central committee or a legislative district committee.

21 (b) No official holding an office specified in subsection (1) of
22 this section against whom recall charges have been filed, no
23 authorized committee of the official, and no political committee
24 having the expectation of making expenditures in support of the
25 recall of the official may accept contributions from a county central
26 committee or a legislative district committee during an election
27 cycle that when combined with contributions from other county central
28 committees or legislative district committees would in the aggregate
29 exceed forty cents multiplied by the number of registered voters in
30 the jurisdiction from which the candidate is elected.

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

35 (7) Notwithstanding subsections (2) through (5) of this section,
36 no person other than an individual, bona fide political party, or
37 caucus political committee may make contributions reportable under
38 this chapter to a caucus political committee that in the aggregate
39 exceed eight hundred dollars in a calendar year or to a bona fide
40 political party that in the aggregate exceed four thousand dollars in

1 a calendar year. This subsection does not apply to loans made in the
2 ordinary course of business.

3 (8) For the purposes of RCW 42.17A.125, 42.17A.405 through
4 42.17A.415, 42.17A.450 through 42.17A.495, 42.17A.500, 42.17A.560,
5 and 42.17A.565, a contribution to the authorized political committee
6 of a candidate or of an official specified in subsection (1) of this
7 section against whom recall charges have been filed is considered to
8 be a contribution to the candidate or official.

9 (9) A contribution received within the twelve-month period after
10 a recall election concerning an office specified in subsection (1) of
11 this section is considered to be a contribution during that recall
12 campaign if the contribution is used to pay a debt or obligation
13 incurred to influence the outcome of that recall campaign.

14 (10) The contributions allowed by subsection (3) of this section
15 are in addition to those allowed by subsection (2) of this section,
16 and the contributions allowed by subsection (5) of this section are
17 in addition to those allowed by subsection (4) of this section.

18 (11) RCW 42.17A.125, 42.17A.405 through 42.17A.415, 42.17A.450
19 through 42.17A.495, 42.17A.500, 42.17A.560, and 42.17A.565 apply to a
20 special election conducted to fill a vacancy in an office specified
21 in subsection (1) of this section. However, the contributions made to
22 a candidate or received by a candidate for a primary or special
23 election conducted to fill such a vacancy shall not be counted toward
24 any of the limitations that apply to the candidate or to
25 contributions made to the candidate for any other primary or
26 election.

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

39 (13) Notwithstanding the other subsections of this section, no
40 county central committee or legislative district committee may make

1 contributions reportable under this chapter to a candidate specified
2 in subsection (1) of this section, or an official specified in
3 subsection (1) of this section against whom recall charges have been
4 filed, or political committee having the expectation of making
5 expenditures in support of the recall of an official specified in
6 subsection (1) of this section if the county central committee or
7 legislative district committee is outside of the jurisdiction
8 entitled to elect the candidate or recall the official.

9 (14) No person may accept contributions that exceed the
10 contribution limitations provided in this section.

11 (15) The following contributions are exempt from the contribution
12 limits of this section:

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

18 (b) An expenditure by a political committee for its own internal
19 organization or fund-raising without direct association with
20 individual candidates; or

21 (c) An expenditure or contribution for independent expenditures
22 as defined in RCW 42.17A.005 or electioneering communications as
23 defined in RCW 42.17A.005."

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24 On page 1, line 3 of the title, after "facilities;" strike the
25 remainder of the title and insert "and amending RCW 42.17A.405."

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