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

3 "NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** The legislature finds that state campaign
4 finance laws are intended to provide maximum transparency to the
5 public and voters so they may know who is funding political campaigns
6 and how those campaigns spend their money. Additionally, our campaign
7 finance laws should not be so complex and complicated that volunteers
8 and newcomers to the political process cannot understand the rules or
9 have difficulty following them. The legislature believes that our
10 campaign finance laws should not be a barrier to participating in the
11 political process, but instead encourage people to participate in the
12 process by ensuring a level playing field and a predictable
13 enforcement mechanism. The legislature intends to simplify the
14 political reporting and enforcement process without sacrificing
15 transparency and the public's right to know who funds political
16 campaigns. The legislature also intends to expedite the public
17 disclosure commission's enforcement procedures so that remedial
18 campaign finance violations can be dealt with administratively.

19 The intent of the law is not to trap or embarrass people when
20 they make honest remediable errors. A majority of smaller campaigns
21 are volunteer-driven and most treasurers are not professional
22 accountants. The public disclosure commission should be guided to
23 review and address major violations, intentional violations, and
24 violations that could change the outcome of an election or materially
25 affect the public interest.

26 **Sec. 2.** RCW 42.17A.005 and 2011 c 145 s 2 and 2011 c 60 s 19 are
27 each reenacted and amended to read as follows:

28 The definitions in this section apply throughout this chapter
29 unless the context clearly requires otherwise.

30 (1) "Actual malice" means to act with knowledge of falsity or
31 with reckless disregard as to truth or falsity.

1 (2) "Actual violation" means a violation of this chapter that is
2 not a remedial violation or technical correction.

3 (3) "Agency" includes all state agencies and all local agencies.
4 "State agency" includes every state office, department, division,
5 bureau, board, commission, or other state agency. "Local agency"
6 includes every county, city, town, municipal corporation, quasi-
7 municipal corporation, or special purpose district, or any office,
8 department, division, bureau, board, commission, or agency thereof,
9 or other local public agency.

10 (~~(3)~~) (4) "Authorized committee" means the political committee
11 authorized by a candidate, or by the public official against whom
12 recall charges have been filed, to accept contributions or make
13 expenditures on behalf of the candidate or public official.

14 (~~(4)~~) (5) "Ballot proposition" means any "measure" as defined
15 by RCW 29A.04.091, or any initiative, recall, or referendum
16 proposition proposed to be submitted to the voters of the state or
17 any municipal corporation, political subdivision, or other voting
18 constituency from and after the time when the proposition has been
19 initially filed with the appropriate election officer of that
20 constituency before its circulation for signatures.

21 (~~(5)~~) (6) "Benefit" means a commercial, proprietary, financial,
22 economic, or monetary advantage, or the avoidance of a commercial,
23 proprietary, financial, economic, or monetary disadvantage.

24 (~~(6)~~) (7) "Bona fide political party" means:

25 (a) An organization that has been recognized as a minor political
26 party by the secretary of state;

27 (b) The governing body of the state organization of a major
28 political party, as defined in RCW 29A.04.086, that is the body
29 authorized by the charter or bylaws of the party to exercise
30 authority on behalf of the state party; or

31 (c) The county central committee or legislative district
32 committee of a major political party. There may be only one
33 legislative district committee for each party in each legislative
34 district.

35 (~~(7)~~) (8) "Books of account" means:

36 (a) In the case of a campaign or political committee, a ledger or
37 similar listing of contributions, expenditures, and debts, such as a
38 campaign or committee is required to file regularly with the
39 commission, current as of the most recent business day; or

1 (b) In the case of a commercial advertiser, details of political
2 advertising or electioneering communications provided by the
3 advertiser, including the names and addresses of persons from whom it
4 accepted political advertising or electioneering communications, the
5 exact nature and extent of the services rendered and the total cost
6 and the manner of payment for the services.

7 (9) "Candidate" means any individual who seeks nomination for
8 election or election to public office. An individual seeks nomination
9 or election when he or she first:

10 (a) Receives contributions or makes expenditures or reserves
11 space or facilities with intent to promote his or her candidacy for
12 office;

13 (b) Announces publicly or files for office;

14 (c) Purchases commercial advertising space or broadcast time to
15 promote his or her candidacy; or

16 (d) Gives his or her consent to another person to take on behalf
17 of the individual any of the actions in (a) or (c) of this
18 subsection.

19 ~~((+8))~~ (10) "Caucus political committee" means a political
20 committee organized and maintained by the members of a major
21 political party in the state senate or state house of
22 representatives.

23 ~~((+9))~~ (11) "Commercial advertiser" means any person who sells
24 the service of communicating messages or producing printed material
25 for broadcast or distribution to the general public or segments of
26 the general public whether through the use of newspapers, magazines,
27 television and radio stations, billboard companies, direct mail
28 advertising companies, printing companies, or otherwise.

29 ~~((+10))~~ (12) "Commission" means the agency established under RCW
30 42.17A.100.

31 ~~((+11))~~ (13) "Committee" unless the context indicates otherwise,
32 includes any candidate, ballot measure, recall, political, or
33 continuing committee.

34 (14) "Compensation" unless the context requires a narrower
35 meaning, includes payment in any form for real or personal property
36 or services of any kind. For the purpose of compliance with RCW
37 42.17A.710, "compensation" does not include per diem allowances or
38 other payments made by a governmental entity to reimburse a public
39 official for expenses incurred while the official is engaged in the
40 official business of the governmental entity.

1 (~~(12)~~) (15) "Continuing political committee" means a political
2 committee that is an organization of continuing existence not
3 established in anticipation of any particular election campaign.

4 (~~(13)~~) (16)(a) "Contribution" includes:

5 (i) A loan, gift, deposit, subscription, forgiveness of
6 indebtedness, donation, advance, pledge, payment, transfer of funds
7 between political committees, or anything of value, including
8 personal and professional services for less than full consideration;

9 (ii) An expenditure made by a person in cooperation,
10 consultation, or concert with, or at the request or suggestion of, a
11 candidate, a political committee, the person or persons named on the
12 candidate's or committee's registration form who direct expenditures
13 on behalf of the candidate or committee, or their agents;

14 (iii) The financing by a person of the dissemination,
15 distribution, or republication, in whole or in part, of broadcast,
16 written, graphic, or other form of political advertising or
17 electioneering communication prepared by a candidate, a political
18 committee, or its authorized agent;

19 (iv) Sums paid for tickets to fund-raising events such as dinners
20 and parties, except for the actual cost of the consumables furnished
21 at the event.

22 (b) "Contribution" does not include:

23 (i) (~~(Standard)~~) Legally accrued interest on money deposited in a
24 political committee's account;

25 (ii) Ordinary home hospitality;

26 (iii) A contribution received by a candidate or political
27 committee that is returned to the contributor within (~~(five)~~) ten
28 business days of the date on which it is received by the candidate or
29 political committee;

30 (iv) A news item, feature, commentary, or editorial in a
31 regularly scheduled news medium that is of primary interest to the
32 general public, that is in a news medium controlled by a person whose
33 business is that news medium, and that is not controlled by a
34 candidate or a political committee;

35 (v) An internal political communication primarily limited to the
36 members of or contributors to a political party organization or
37 political committee, or to the officers, management staff, or
38 stockholders of a corporation or similar enterprise, or to the
39 members of a labor organization or other membership organization;

1 (vi) The rendering of personal services of the sort commonly
2 performed by volunteer campaign workers, or incidental expenses
3 personally incurred by volunteer campaign workers not in excess of
4 fifty dollars personally paid for by the worker. "Volunteer
5 services," for the purposes of this subsection, means services or
6 labor for which the individual is not compensated by any person;

7 (vii) Messages in the form of reader boards, banners, or yard or
8 window signs displayed on a person's own property or property
9 occupied by a person. However, a facility used for such political
10 advertising for which a rental charge is normally made must be
11 reported as an in-kind contribution and counts towards any applicable
12 contribution limit of the person providing the facility;

13 (viii) Legal or accounting services rendered to or on behalf of:

14 (A) A political party or caucus political committee if the person
15 paying for the services is the regular employer of the person
16 rendering such services; or

17 (B) A candidate or an authorized committee if the person paying
18 for the services is the regular employer of the individual rendering
19 the services and if the services are solely for the purpose of
20 ensuring compliance with state election or public disclosure laws; or

21 (ix) The performance of ministerial functions by a person on
22 behalf of two or more candidates or political committees either as
23 volunteer services defined in (b)(vi) of this subsection or for
24 payment by the candidate or political committee for whom the services
25 are performed as long as:

26 (A) The person performs solely ministerial functions;

27 (B) A person who is paid by two or more candidates or political
28 committees is identified by the candidates and political committees
29 on whose behalf services are performed as part of their respective
30 statements of organization under RCW 42.17A.205; and

31 (C) The person does not disclose, except as required by law, any
32 information regarding a candidate's or committee's plans, projects,
33 activities, or needs, or regarding a candidate's or committee's
34 contributions or expenditures that is not already publicly available
35 from campaign reports filed with the commission, or otherwise engage
36 in activity that constitutes a contribution under (a)(ii) of this
37 subsection.

38 A person who performs ministerial functions under this subsection
39 (~~((+13))~~) (16)(b)(ix) is not considered an agent of the candidate or
40 committee as long as he or she has no authority to authorize

1 expenditures or make decisions on behalf of the candidate or
2 committee.

3 (c) Contributions other than money or its equivalent are deemed
4 to have a monetary value equivalent to the fair market value of the
5 contribution. Services or property or rights furnished at less than
6 their fair market value for the purpose of assisting any candidate or
7 political committee are deemed a contribution. Such a contribution
8 must be reported as an in-kind contribution at its fair market value
9 and counts towards any applicable contribution limit of the provider.

10 ~~((14))~~ (17) "Depository" means a bank, mutual savings bank,
11 savings and loan association, or credit union doing business in this
12 state.

13 ~~((15))~~ (18) "Elected official" means any person elected at a
14 general or special election to any public office, and any person
15 appointed to fill a vacancy in any such office.

16 ~~((16))~~ (19) "Election" includes any primary, general, or
17 special election for public office and any election in which a ballot
18 proposition is submitted to the voters. An election in which the
19 qualifications for voting include other than those requirements set
20 forth in Article VI, section 1 (Amendment 63) of the Constitution of
21 the state of Washington shall not be considered an election for
22 purposes of this chapter.

23 ~~((17))~~ (20) "Election campaign" means any campaign in support
24 of or in opposition to a candidate for election to public office and
25 any campaign in support of, or in opposition to, a ballot
26 proposition.

27 ~~((18))~~ (21) "Election cycle" means the period beginning on the
28 first day of January after the date of the last previous general
29 election for the office that the candidate seeks and ending on
30 December 31st after the next election for the office. In the case of
31 a special election to fill a vacancy in an office, "election cycle"
32 means the period beginning on the day the vacancy occurs and ending
33 on December 31st after the special election.

34 ~~((19))~~ (22)(a) "Electioneering communication" means any
35 broadcast, cable, or satellite television ~~((or))~~, radio transmission,
36 digital communication, United States postal service mailing,
37 billboard, newspaper, or periodical that:

38 (i) Clearly identifies a candidate for a state, local, or
39 judicial office either by specifically naming the candidate, or
40 identifying the candidate without using the candidate's name;

1 (ii) Is broadcast, transmitted electronically or by other means,
2 mailed, erected, distributed, or otherwise published within sixty
3 days before any election for that office in the jurisdiction in which
4 the candidate is seeking election; and

5 (iii) Either alone, or in combination with one or more
6 communications identifying the candidate by the same sponsor during
7 the sixty days before an election, has a fair market value of one
8 thousand dollars or more.

9 (b) "Electioneering communication" does not include:

10 (i) Usual and customary advertising of a business owned by a
11 candidate, even if the candidate is mentioned in the advertising when
12 the candidate has been regularly mentioned in that advertising
13 appearing at least twelve months preceding his or her becoming a
14 candidate;

15 (ii) Advertising for candidate debates or forums when the
16 advertising is paid for by or on behalf of the debate or forum
17 sponsor, so long as two or more candidates for the same position have
18 been invited to participate in the debate or forum;

19 (iii) A news item, feature, commentary, or editorial in a
20 regularly scheduled news medium that is:

21 (A) Of primary interest to the general public;

22 (B) In a news medium controlled by a person whose business is
23 that news medium; and

24 (C) Not a medium controlled by a candidate or a political
25 committee;

26 (iv) Slate cards and sample ballots;

27 (v) Advertising for books, films, dissertations, or similar works
28 (A) written by a candidate when the candidate entered into a contract
29 for such publications or media at least twelve months before becoming
30 a candidate, or (B) written about a candidate;

31 (vi) Public service announcements;

32 (vii) (~~A mailed~~) An internal political communication primarily
33 limited to the members of or contributors to a political party
34 organization or political committee, or to the officers, management
35 staff, or stockholders of a corporation or similar enterprise, or to
36 the members of a labor organization or other membership organization;

37 (viii) An expenditure by or contribution to the authorized
38 committee of a candidate for state, local, or judicial office; or

39 (ix) Any other communication exempted by the commission through
40 rule consistent with the intent of this chapter.

1 ~~((20))~~ (23) "Expenditure" includes a payment, contribution,
2 subscription, distribution, loan, advance, deposit, or gift of money
3 or anything of value, and includes a contract, promise, or agreement,
4 whether or not legally enforceable, to make an expenditure.
5 "Expenditure" also includes a promise to pay, a payment, or a
6 transfer of anything of value in exchange for goods, services,
7 property, facilities, or anything of value for the purpose of
8 assisting, benefiting, or honoring any public official or candidate,
9 or assisting in furthering or opposing any election campaign. For the
10 purposes of this chapter, agreements to make expenditures, contracts,
11 and promises to pay may be reported as estimated obligations until
12 actual payment is made. "Expenditure" shall not include the partial
13 or complete repayment by a candidate or political committee of the
14 principal of a loan, the receipt of which loan has been properly
15 reported.

16 ~~((21))~~ (24) "Final report" means the report described as a
17 final report in RCW 42.17A.235(2).

18 ~~((22))~~ (25) "General election" for the purposes of RCW
19 42.17A.405 means the election that results in the election of a
20 person to a state or local office. It does not include a primary.

21 ~~((23))~~ (26) "Gift" has the definition in RCW 42.52.010.

22 ~~((24))~~ (27) "Immediate family" includes the spouse or domestic
23 partner, dependent children, and other dependent relatives, if living
24 in the household. For the purposes of the definition of
25 "intermediary" in this section, "immediate family" means an
26 individual's spouse or domestic partner, and child, stepchild,
27 grandchild, parent, stepparent, grandparent, brother, half brother,
28 sister, or half sister of the individual and the spouse or the
29 domestic partner of any such person and a child, stepchild,
30 grandchild, parent, stepparent, grandparent, brother, half brother,
31 sister, or half sister of the individual's spouse or domestic partner
32 and the spouse or the domestic partner of any such person.

33 ~~((25))~~ (28) "Incumbent" means a person who is in present
34 possession of an elected office.

35 ~~((26))~~ (29)(a) "Independent expenditure" means an expenditure
36 that has each of the following elements:

37 ~~((a))~~ (i) It is made in support of or in opposition to a
38 candidate for office by a person who is not ~~((i))~~:

39 (A) A candidate for that office ~~((, (i))~~;

1 (B) An authorized committee of that candidate for that office(~~(~~
2 ~~iii))~~); and

3 (C) A person who has received the candidate's encouragement or
4 approval to make the expenditure, if the expenditure pays in whole or
5 in part for political advertising supporting that candidate or
6 promoting the defeat of any other candidate or candidates for that
7 office(~~(~~~~or~~~~(iv))~~);

8 (ii) It is made in support of or in opposition to a candidate for
9 office by a person with whom the candidate has collaborated for the
10 purpose of making the expenditure, if the expenditure pays in whole
11 or in part for political advertising supporting that candidate or
12 promoting the defeat of any other candidate or candidates for that
13 office;

14 (~~(b)~~) (iii) The expenditure pays in whole or in part for
15 political advertising that either specifically names the candidate
16 supported or opposed, or clearly and beyond any doubt identifies the
17 candidate without using the candidate's name; and

18 (~~(e)~~) (iv) The expenditure, alone or in conjunction with
19 another expenditure or other expenditures of the same person in
20 support of or opposition to that candidate, has a value of eight
21 hundred dollars or more. A series of expenditures, each of which is
22 under eight hundred dollars, constitutes one independent expenditure
23 if their cumulative value is eight hundred dollars or more.

24 (~~(27)~~) (b) "Independent expenditure" does not include: Ordinary
25 home hospitality; communications with journalists or editorial staff
26 designed to elicit a news item, feature, commentary, or editorial in
27 a regularly scheduled news medium that is of primary interest to the
28 general public, controlled by a person whose business is that news
29 medium, and not controlled by a candidate or a political committee;
30 participation in the creation of a publicly funded voters pamphlet
31 statement in written or video form; an internal political
32 communication primarily limited to contributors to a political party
33 organization or political action committee, the officers, management
34 staff, and stockholders of a corporation or similar enterprise, or
35 the members of a labor organization or other membership organization;
36 or the rendering of personal services of the sort commonly performed
37 by volunteer campaign workers or incidental expenses personally
38 incurred by volunteer campaign workers not in excess of two hundred
39 fifty dollars personally paid for by the worker.

1 ~~(30)~~(a) "Intermediary" means an individual who transmits a
2 contribution to a candidate or committee from another person unless
3 the contribution is from the individual's employer, immediate family,
4 or an association to which the individual belongs.

5 (b) A treasurer or a candidate is not an intermediary for
6 purposes of the committee that the treasurer or candidate serves.

7 (c) A professional fund-raiser is not an intermediary if the
8 fund-raiser is compensated for fund-raising services at the usual and
9 customary rate.

10 (d) A volunteer hosting a fund-raising event at the individual's
11 home is not an intermediary for purposes of that event.

12 ~~((+28))~~ (31) "Legislation" means bills, resolutions, motions,
13 amendments, nominations, and other matters pending or proposed in
14 either house of the state legislature, and includes any other matter
15 that may be the subject of action by either house or any committee of
16 the legislature and all bills and resolutions that, having passed
17 both houses, are pending approval by the governor.

18 ~~((+29))~~ (32) "Legislative office" means the office of a member
19 of the state house of representatives or the office of a member of
20 the state senate.

21 ~~((+30))~~ (33) "Lobby" and "lobbying" each mean attempting to
22 influence the passage or defeat of any legislation by the legislature
23 of the state of Washington, or the adoption or rejection of any rule,
24 standard, rate, or other legislative enactment of any state agency
25 under the state administrative procedure act, chapter 34.05 RCW.
26 Neither "lobby" nor "lobbying" includes an association's or other
27 organization's act of communicating with the members of that
28 association or organization.

29 ~~((+31))~~ (34) "Lobbyist" includes any person who lobbies either
30 in his or her own or another's behalf.

31 ~~((+32))~~ (35) "Lobbyist's employer" means the person or persons
32 by whom a lobbyist is employed and all persons by whom he or she is
33 compensated for acting as a lobbyist.

34 ~~((+33))~~ (36) "Ministerial functions" means an act or duty
35 carried out as part of the duties of an administrative office without
36 exercise of personal judgment or discretion.

37 ~~((+34))~~ (37) "Participate" means that, with respect to a
38 particular election, an entity:

39 (a) Makes either a monetary or in-kind contribution to a
40 candidate;

1 (b) Makes an independent expenditure or electioneering
2 communication in support of or opposition to a candidate;

3 (c) Endorses a candidate before contributions are made by a
4 subsidiary corporation or local unit with respect to that candidate
5 or that candidate's opponent;

6 (d) Makes a recommendation regarding whether a candidate should
7 be supported or opposed before a contribution is made by a subsidiary
8 corporation or local unit with respect to that candidate or that
9 candidate's opponent; or

10 (e) Directly or indirectly collaborates or consults with a
11 subsidiary corporation or local unit on matters relating to the
12 support of or opposition to a candidate, including, but not limited
13 to, the amount of a contribution, when a contribution should be
14 given, and what assistance, services or independent expenditures, or
15 electioneering communications, if any, will be made or should be made
16 in support of or opposition to a candidate.

17 ~~((+35+))~~ (38) "Person" includes an individual, partnership, joint
18 venture, public or private corporation, association, federal, state,
19 or local governmental entity or agency however constituted,
20 candidate, committee, political committee, political party, executive
21 committee thereof, or any other organization or group of persons,
22 however organized.

23 ~~((+36+))~~ (39) "Political advertising" includes any advertising
24 displays, newspaper ads, billboards, signs, brochures, articles,
25 tabloids, flyers, letters, radio or television presentations, digital
26 communication, or other means of mass communication, used for the
27 purpose of appealing, directly or indirectly, for votes or for
28 financial or other support or opposition in any election campaign.

29 ~~((+37+))~~ (40) "Political committee" means any person (except a
30 candidate or an individual dealing with his or her own funds or
31 property) having the expectation of receiving contributions or making
32 expenditures in support of, or opposition to, any candidate or any
33 ballot proposition.

34 ~~((+38+))~~ (41) "Primary" for the purposes of RCW 42.17A.405 means
35 the procedure for nominating a candidate to state or local office
36 under chapter 29A.52 RCW or any other primary for an election that
37 uses, in large measure, the procedures established in chapter 29A.52
38 RCW.

1 ~~((39))~~ (42) "Public office" means any federal, state, judicial,
2 county, city, town, school district, port district, special district,
3 or other state political subdivision elective office.

4 ~~((40))~~ (43) "Public record" has the definition in RCW
5 42.56.010.

6 ~~((41))~~ (44) "Recall campaign" means the period of time
7 beginning on the date of the filing of recall charges under RCW
8 29A.56.120 and ending thirty days after the recall election.

9 ~~((42))~~ (45) "Remedial violation" means any violation of this
10 chapter that:

11 (a) Involved expenditures totaling no more than the contribution
12 limits set out under RCW 42.17A.405(2) per election, or one thousand
13 dollars if there is no statutory limit;

14 (b) Occurred more than thirty days before an election, where the
15 commission entered into an agreement to resolve the matter;

16 (c) Does not materially affect the public interest, beyond the
17 harm to the policy of this chapter inherent in any violation; and

18 (d)(i) Involved expenditures totaling no more than the
19 contribution limits set out under RCW 42.17A.405(2) per election, or
20 one thousand dollars if there is no statutory limit and the person:

21 (A) Took corrective action within five business days after the
22 commission first notified the person of noncompliance, or where the
23 commission did not provide notice and filed a required report within
24 twenty-one days after the report was due to be filed; and

25 (B) Substantially met the filing deadline for all other required
26 reports within the immediately preceding twelve-month period; or

27 (ii) Involved a candidate who:

28 (A) Lost the election in question; and

29 (B) Did not receive contributions over one hundred times the
30 contribution limit in aggregate per election during the campaign in
31 question.

32 (46)(a) "Sponsor" for purposes of an electioneering
33 communications, independent expenditures, or political advertising
34 means the person paying for the electioneering communication,
35 independent expenditure, or political advertising. If a person acts
36 as an agent for another or is reimbursed by another for the payment,
37 the original source of the payment is the sponsor.

38 (b) "Sponsor," for purposes of a political committee, means any
39 person, except an authorized committee, to whom any of the following
40 applies:

1 (i) The committee receives eighty percent or more of its
2 contributions either from the person or from the person's members,
3 officers, employees, or shareholders;

4 (ii) The person collects contributions for the committee by use
5 of payroll deductions or dues from its members, officers, or
6 employees.

7 ~~((43))~~ (47) "Sponsored committee" means a committee, other than
8 an authorized committee, that has one or more sponsors.

9 ~~((44))~~ (48) "State office" means state legislative office or
10 the office of governor, lieutenant governor, secretary of state,
11 attorney general, commissioner of public lands, insurance
12 commissioner, superintendent of public instruction, state auditor, or
13 state treasurer.

14 ~~((45))~~ (49) "State official" means a person who holds a state
15 office.

16 ~~((46))~~ (50) "Surplus funds" mean, in the case of a political
17 committee or candidate, the balance of contributions that remain in
18 the possession or control of that committee or candidate subsequent
19 to the election for which the contributions were received, and that
20 are in excess of the amount necessary to pay remaining debts incurred
21 by the committee or candidate with respect to that election. In the
22 case of a continuing political committee, "surplus funds" mean those
23 contributions remaining in the possession or control of the committee
24 that are in excess of the amount necessary to pay all remaining debts
25 when it makes its final report under RCW 42.17A.255.

26 ~~((47))~~ (51) "Treasurer" and "deputy treasurer" mean the
27 individuals appointed by a candidate or political committee, pursuant
28 to RCW 42.17A.210, to perform the duties specified in that section.

29 **Sec. 3.** RCW 42.17A.055 and 2013 c 166 s 2 are each amended to
30 read as follows:

31 (1) The commission shall make available to candidates, public
32 officials, and political committees that are required to file reports
33 under this chapter an electronic filing alternative for submitting
34 financial affairs reports, contribution reports, and expenditure
35 reports.

36 (2) The commission shall make available to lobbyists and
37 lobbyists' employers required to file reports under RCW 42.17A.600,
38 42.17A.615, 42.17A.625, or 42.17A.630 an electronic filing
39 alternative for submitting these reports.

1 (3) State agencies required to report under RCW 42.17A.635 must
2 file all reports electronically.

3 (4) The commission shall make available to candidates, public
4 officials, political committees, lobbyists, and lobbyists' employers
5 an electronic copy of the appropriate reporting forms at no charge.

6 (5) If the electronic filing system provided by the commission is
7 inoperable for any period of time, the commission must keep a record
8 of the date and time of each instance and post outages on its web
9 site. If a report is due on a day the electronic filing system is
10 inoperable, it is not late if filed the first business day the system
11 is back in operation. The commission must provide notice to all
12 reporting entities when the system is back in operation.

13 (6) All persons required to file reports under this section
14 shall, at the time of initial filing, provide the commission an email
15 address that shall constitute the official address for purposes of
16 all communications from the commission. The person required to file
17 one or more reports must provide any new email address to the
18 commission within ten days, if the address has changed from that
19 listed on the most recent report. The executive director may waive
20 the email requirement and allow use of a postal address, on the basis
21 of hardship.

22 (7) The commission must publish a calendar of significant
23 reporting dates on its web site.

24 **Sec. 4.** RCW 42.17A.110 and 2015 c 225 s 55 are each amended to
25 read as follows:

26 The commission may:

27 (1) Adopt, amend, and rescind suitable administrative rules to
28 carry out the policies and purposes of this chapter, which rules
29 shall be adopted under chapter 34.05 RCW. Any rule relating to
30 campaign finance, political advertising, or related forms that would
31 otherwise take effect after June 30th of a general election year
32 shall take effect no earlier than the day following the general
33 election in that year;

34 (2) Appoint an executive director and set, within the limits
35 established by the office of financial management under RCW
36 43.03.028, the executive director's compensation. The executive
37 director shall perform such duties and have such powers as the
38 commission may prescribe and delegate to implement and enforce this
39 chapter efficiently and effectively. The commission shall not

1 delegate its authority to adopt, amend, or rescind rules nor may it
2 delegate authority to determine (~~whether~~) that an actual violation
3 of this chapter has occurred or to assess penalties for such
4 violations;

5 (3) Prepare and publish reports and technical studies as in its
6 judgment will tend to promote the purposes of this chapter, including
7 reports and statistics concerning campaign financing, lobbying,
8 financial interests of elected officials, and enforcement of this
9 chapter;

10 (4) Conduct, as it deems appropriate, audits and field
11 investigations;

12 (5) Make public the time and date of any formal hearing set to
13 determine whether a violation has occurred, the question or questions
14 to be considered, and the results thereof;

15 (6) Administer oaths and affirmations, issue subpoenas, and
16 compel attendance, take evidence, and require the production of any
17 records relevant to any investigation authorized under this chapter,
18 or any other proceeding under this chapter;

19 (7) Adopt a code of fair campaign practices;

20 (8) Adopt rules relieving candidates or political committees of
21 obligations to comply with the election campaign provisions of this
22 chapter, if they have not received contributions nor made
23 expenditures in connection with any election campaign of more than
24 five thousand dollars; and

25 (~~(9) ((Adopt rules prescribing reasonable requirements for keeping
26 accounts of, and reporting on a quarterly basis, costs incurred by
27 state agencies, counties, cities, and other municipalities and
28 political subdivisions in preparing, publishing, and distributing
29 legislative information. For the purposes of this subsection,
30 "legislative information" means books, pamphlets, reports, and other
31 materials prepared, published, or distributed at substantial cost, a
32 substantial purpose of which is to influence the passage or defeat of
33 any legislation. The state auditor in his or her regular examination
34 of each agency under chapter 43.09 RCW shall review the rules,
35 accounts, and reports and make appropriate findings, comments, and
36 recommendations concerning those agencies; and~~

37 ~~(10))~~) Develop and provide to filers a system for certification
38 of reports required under this chapter which are transmitted by
39 facsimile or electronically to the commission. Implementation of the
40 program is contingent on the availability of funds.

1 **Sec. 5.** RCW 42.17A.220 and 2010 c 205 s 3 and 2010 c 204 s 405
2 are each reenacted and amended to read as follows:

3 (1) All monetary contributions received by a candidate or
4 political committee shall be deposited by ~~((the treasurer or deputy~~
5 ~~treasurer))~~ candidates, political committee members, paid staff, and
6 treasurers in a depository in an account established and designated
7 for that purpose. Such deposits shall be made within five business
8 days of receipt of the contribution. For online or credit card
9 contributions, the contribution is considered received at the time
10 the transfer is made from the merchant account to a political
11 committee account, except that a contribution made to a candidate who
12 is a state official or legislator outside the restriction period
13 established in RCW 42.17A.560, but transferred to the candidate's
14 account within the restricted period, is considered received outside
15 of the restriction period.

16 (2) Political committees that support or oppose more than one
17 candidate or ballot proposition, or exist for more than one purpose,
18 may maintain multiple separate bank accounts within the same
19 designated depository for such purpose only if:

20 (a) Each such account bears the same name;

21 (b) Each such account is followed by an appropriate designation
22 that accurately identifies its separate purpose; and

23 (c) Transfers of funds that must be reported under RCW
24 ~~((42.17A.240(1)(e)))~~ 42.17A.240(5) are not made from more than one
25 such account.

26 (3) Nothing in this section prohibits a candidate or political
27 committee from investing funds on hand in a depository in bonds,
28 certificates, or tax-exempt securities, or in savings accounts or
29 other similar instruments in financial institutions, or in mutual
30 funds other than the depository but only if:

31 (a) The commission ~~((are [is]))~~ is notified in writing of the
32 initiation and the termination of the investment; and

33 (b) The principal of such investment, when terminated together
34 with all interest, dividends, and income derived from the investment,
35 is deposited in the depository in the account from which the
36 investment was made and properly reported to the commission before
37 any further disposition or expenditure.

38 (4) Accumulated unidentified contributions, other than those made
39 by persons whose names must be maintained on a separate and private
40 list by a political committee's treasurer pursuant to RCW

1 ((42.17A.240(1)(b))) 42.17A.240(2), in excess of one percent of the
2 total accumulated contributions received in the current calendar
3 year, or three hundred dollars, whichever is more, may not be
4 deposited, used, or expended, but shall be returned to the donor if
5 his or her identity can be ascertained. If the donor cannot be
6 ascertained, the contribution shall escheat to the state and shall be
7 paid to the state treasurer for deposit in the state general fund.

8 **Sec. 6.** RCW 42.17A.225 and 2011 c 60 s 22 are each amended to
9 read as follows:

10 (1) In addition to the provisions of this section, a continuing
11 political committee shall file and report on the same conditions and
12 at the same times as any other committee in accordance with the
13 provisions of RCW 42.17A.205, 42.17A.210, and 42.17A.220.

14 (2) A continuing political committee shall file with the
15 commission a report on the tenth day of each month detailing
16 expenditures made and contributions received for the preceding
17 calendar month. This report need only be filed if either the total
18 contributions received or total expenditures made since the last such
19 report exceed two hundred dollars. The report shall be on a form
20 supplied by the commission and shall include the following
21 information:

22 (a) The information required by RCW 42.17A.240;

23 (b) Each expenditure made to retire previously accumulated debts
24 of the committee identified by recipient, amount, and date of
25 payments;

26 (c) Other information the commission shall prescribe by rule.

27 (3) If a continuing political committee makes a contribution in
28 support of or in opposition to a candidate or ballot proposition
29 within sixty days before the date that the candidate or ballot
30 proposition will be voted upon, the committee shall report pursuant
31 to RCW 42.17A.235.

32 (4)(a) A continuing political committee shall file reports as
33 required by this chapter until ~~((it is dissolved))~~ the committee has
34 ceased to function and intends to dissolve, at which time, when there
35 is no outstanding debt or obligation and the committee is concluded
36 in all respects, a final report shall be filed. Upon submitting a
37 final report, the continuing political committee must file notice of
38 intent to dissolve with the commission and the commission must post
39 the notice on its web site.

1 (b) The continuing political committee may dissolve sixty days
2 after it files its notice to dissolve, only if:

3 (i) The continuing political committee does not make any
4 expenditures or engage in any political activity or any other
5 activities that generate additional reporting requirements under this
6 chapter after filing such notice;

7 (ii) No complaint or court action, pursuant to this chapter, is
8 pending against the continuing political committee; and

9 (iii) All penalties assessed by the commission or court order are
10 paid by the continuing political committee.

11 (c) The continuing political committee must continue to report
12 regularly as required under this chapter until all the conditions
13 under (b) of this subsection are resolved.

14 (d) The treasurer may not close the continuing political
15 committee's bank account before the political committee has
16 dissolved.

17 (e) Upon dissolution, the commission must issue an acknowledgment
18 of dissolution, the duties of the treasurer shall cease, and there
19 shall be no further obligations (~~(to make any further reports)~~) under
20 this chapter.

21 (5) The treasurer shall maintain books of account, current within
22 five business days, that accurately reflect all contributions and
23 expenditures. During the (~~(eight)~~) ten calendar days immediately
24 preceding the date of any election that the committee has received
25 any contributions or made any expenditures, the books of account
26 shall be kept current within one business day and shall be open for
27 public inspection in the same manner as provided for candidates and
28 other political committees in RCW 42.17A.235(~~((+4))~~) (6).

29 (6) All reports filed pursuant to this section shall be certified
30 as correct by the treasurer.

31 (7) The treasurer shall preserve books of account, bills,
32 receipts, and all other financial records of the campaign or
33 political committee for not less than five calendar years following
34 the year during which the transaction occurred.

35 **Sec. 7.** RCW 42.17A.235 and 2015 c 54 s 1 are each amended to
36 read as follows:

37 (1) In addition to the information required under RCW 42.17A.205
38 and 42.17A.210, (~~(on the day the treasurer is designated,)~~) each
39 candidate or political committee must file with the commission a

1 report of all contributions received and expenditures made (~~prior to~~
2 ~~that date, if any~~) as a political committee on the next reporting
3 date pursuant to the timeline established in this section.

4 (2) Each treasurer shall file with the commission a report, for
5 each election in which a candidate or political committee is
6 participating, containing the information required by RCW 42.17A.240
7 at the following intervals:

8 (a) On the twenty-first day and the seventh day immediately
9 preceding the date on which the election is held; and

10 (b) On the tenth day of the first full month after the
11 election(~~;~~~~and~~).

12 (~~(c)~~) (3) Each treasurer shall file with the commission a
13 report on the tenth day of each month (~~in~~) during which (~~no other~~
14 reports are required to be filed under this section)) the candidate
15 or political committee is not participating in an election campaign,
16 only if the committee has received a contribution or made an
17 expenditure in the preceding calendar month and either the total
18 contributions received or total expenditures made since the last such
19 report exceed two hundred dollars.

20 (4) The report filed twenty-one days before the election shall
21 report all contributions received and expenditures made as of the end
22 of one business day before the date of the report. The report filed
23 seven days before the election shall report all contributions
24 received and expenditures made as of the end of one business day
25 before the date of the report. Reports filed on the tenth day of the
26 month shall report all contributions received and expenditures made
27 from the closing date of the last report filed through the last day
28 of the month preceding the date of the current report.

29 (~~(3)~~) (5) For the period beginning the first day of the fourth
30 month preceding the date of the special election, or for the period
31 beginning the first day of the fifth month before the date of the
32 general election, and ending on the date of that special or general
33 election, each Monday the treasurer shall file with the commission a
34 report of each bank deposit made during the previous seven calendar
35 days. The report shall contain the name of each person contributing
36 the funds and the amount contributed by each person. However, persons
37 who contribute no more than twenty-five dollars in the aggregate are
38 not required to be identified in the report. A copy of the report
39 shall be retained by the treasurer for his or her records. In the
40 event of deposits made by (~~a deputy treasurer~~) candidates,

1 political committee members, or paid staff other than the treasurer,
2 the copy shall be (~~forwarded~~) immediately provided to the treasurer
3 for his or her records. Each report shall be certified as correct by
4 the treasurer (~~or deputy treasurer making the deposit~~).

5 (~~(4)~~) (6)(a) The treasurer or candidate shall maintain books of
6 account accurately reflecting all contributions and expenditures on a
7 current basis within five business days of receipt or expenditure.
8 During the (~~eight~~) ten calendar days immediately preceding the date
9 of the election the books of account shall be kept current within one
10 business day. As specified in the committee's statement of
11 organization filed under RCW 42.17A.205, the books of account must be
12 open for public inspection by appointment at (~~the designated~~) a
13 place agreed upon by both the treasurer and the requestor, for
14 inspections between (~~8:00~~) 9:00 a.m. and (~~8:00~~) 5:00 p.m. on any
15 day from the (~~eighth~~) tenth calendar day immediately before the
16 election through the day immediately before the election, other than
17 Saturday, Sunday, or a legal holiday. It is a violation of this
18 chapter for a candidate or political committee to refuse to allow and
19 keep an appointment for an inspection to be conducted during these
20 authorized times and days. The appointment must be allowed at an
21 authorized time and day for such inspections that is within (~~twenty-~~
22 ~~four~~) forty-eight hours of the time and day that is requested for
23 the inspection. The treasurer may provide digital access or copies of
24 the books of account in lieu of scheduling an appointment at a
25 designated place for inspection.

26 (b) At the time of making the appointment, a person wishing to
27 inspect the books of account must provide the treasurer the name and
28 telephone number of the person wishing to inspect the books of
29 account. The person inspecting the books of account must show photo
30 identification before the inspection begins.

31 (c) A treasurer may refuse to show the books of account to any
32 person who does not make an appointment or provide the required
33 identification. The commission may issue limited rules to modify the
34 requirements set forth in this section in consideration of other
35 technology and best practices.

36 (~~(5)~~) (7) Copies of all reports filed pursuant to this section
37 shall be readily available for public inspection by appointment,
38 pursuant to subsection (~~(4)~~) (6) of this section(~~, at the~~
39 ~~principal headquarters or, if there is no headquarters, at the~~

1 ~~address of the treasurer or such other place as may be authorized by~~
2 ~~the commission)).~~

3 ~~((6))~~ (8) The treasurer or candidate shall preserve books of
4 account, bills, receipts, and all other financial records of the
5 campaign or political committee for not less than ~~((five))~~ two
6 calendar years following the year during which the transaction
7 occurred or for any longer period as otherwise required by law.

8 ~~((7))~~ (9) All reports filed pursuant to subsection (1) or (2)
9 of this section shall be certified as correct by the candidate and
10 the treasurer.

11 ~~((8))~~ (10) It is not a violation of this section to submit an
12 amended report within twenty-one days of filing an underlying report
13 if:

14 (a) The report is accurately amended;

15 (b) The corrected report is filed more than thirty days before an
16 election;

17 (c) The total aggregate dollar amount of the adjustment for the
18 individual report is within three times the contribution limit per
19 election or two hundred dollars, whichever is greater; and

20 (d) The committee reported all information that was available to
21 it at the time of filing, or made a good-faith effort to do so, or if
22 a refund of a contribution or expenditure is being reported.

23 (11)(a) When there is no outstanding debt or obligation, the
24 campaign fund is closed, ~~((and))~~ the campaign is concluded in all
25 respects ~~((or in the case of a political committee)), and~~ the
26 committee has ceased to function and ~~((has dissolved))~~ intends to
27 dissolve, the treasurer shall file a final report. Upon submitting a
28 final report, the committee must file notice of intent to dissolve
29 with the commission and the commission must post the notice on its
30 web site.

31 (b) Any committee may dissolve sixty days after it files its
32 notice to dissolve, only if:

33 (i) The political committee does not make any expenditures or
34 engage in any political activity or any other activities that
35 generate additional reporting requirements under this chapter after
36 filing such notice;

37 (ii) No complaint or court action under this chapter is pending
38 against the political committee; and

39 (iii) All penalties assessed by the commission or court order are
40 paid by the political committee.

1 (c) The political committee must continue to report regularly as
2 required under this chapter until all the conditions under (b) of
3 this subsection are resolved.

4 (d) The treasurer may not close the political committee's bank
5 account before the political committee has dissolved.

6 (e) Upon dissolution, the commission must issue an acknowledgment
7 of dissolution, the duties of the treasurer shall cease, and there
8 ((is)) shall be no further obligations ((to make any further
9 reports)) under this chapter.

10 **Sec. 8.** RCW 42.17A.240 and 2010 c 204 s 409 are each amended to
11 read as follows:

12 Each report required under RCW 42.17A.235 (1) and (2) must be
13 certified as correct by the treasurer and the candidate and shall
14 disclose the following:

15 (1) The funds on hand at the beginning of the period;

16 (2) The name and address of each person who has made one or more
17 contributions during the period, together with the money value and
18 date of each contribution and the aggregate value of all
19 contributions received from each person during the campaign, or in
20 the case of a continuing political committee, the current calendar
21 year, with the following exceptions:

22 ~~(a) ((Pledges in the aggregate of less than one hundred dollars~~
23 ~~from any one person need not be reported;~~

24 ~~(b))~~ Income that results from a fund-raising activity conducted
25 in accordance with RCW 42.17A.230 may be reported as one lump sum,
26 with the exception of that portion received from persons whose names
27 and addresses are required to be included in the report required by
28 RCW 42.17A.230;

29 ~~((e))~~ (b) Contributions of no more than twenty-five dollars in
30 the aggregate from any one person during the election campaign may be
31 reported as one lump sum if the treasurer maintains a separate and
32 private list of the name, address, and amount of each such
33 contributor; and

34 ~~((d))~~ (c) The money value of contributions of postage shall be
35 the face value of the postage;

36 (3) Each loan, promissory note, or security instrument to be used
37 by or for the benefit of the candidate or political committee made by
38 any person, including the names and addresses of the lender and each

1 person liable directly, indirectly or contingently and the date and
2 amount of each such loan, promissory note, or security instrument;

3 (4) All other contributions not otherwise listed or exempted;

4 (5) The name and address of each candidate or political committee
5 to which any transfer of funds was made, including the amounts and
6 dates of the transfers;

7 (6) The name and address of each person to whom an expenditure
8 was made in the aggregate amount of more than fifty dollars during
9 the period covered by this report, the amount, date, and purpose of
10 each expenditure, and the total sum of all expenditures;

11 (7) The name and address of each person directly compensated for
12 soliciting or procuring signatures on an initiative or referendum
13 petition, the amount of the compensation to each person, and the
14 total expenditures made for this purpose. Such expenditures shall be
15 reported under this subsection in addition to what is required to be
16 reported under subsection (6) of this section;

17 (8)(a) The name and address of any person and the amount owed for
18 any debt (~~(, obligation, note, unpaid loan, or other liability in the~~
19 ~~amount)) with a value of more than (~~(two))~~ seven hundred fifty
20 dollars (~~(or in the amount of more than fifty dollars that has been~~
21 ~~outstanding for over thirty days)) that has not been paid for any
22 invoices submitted, goods received, or services performed, within
23 five business days during the period within thirty days before an
24 election, or within ten business days during any other period.~~~~

25 (b) For purposes of this subsection, debt does not include:

26 (i) Regularly recurring expenditures of the same amount that have
27 already been reported at least once and that are not late or
28 outstanding; or

29 (ii) Any obligations already reported to pay for goods and
30 services made by a third party on behalf of a candidate or political
31 committee after the original payment or debt to that party has been
32 reported;

33 (9) The surplus or deficit of contributions over expenditures;

34 (10) The disposition made in accordance with RCW 42.17A.430 of
35 any surplus funds; and

36 (11) Any other information required by the commission by rule in
37 conformance with the policies and purposes of this chapter.

38 **Sec. 9.** RCW 42.17A.255 and 2011 c 60 s 24 are each amended to
39 read as follows:

1 ~~(1) ((For the purposes of this section the term "independent~~
2 ~~expenditure" means any expenditure that is made in support of or in~~
3 ~~opposition to any candidate or ballot proposition and is not~~
4 ~~otherwise required to be reported pursuant to RCW 42.17A.220,~~
5 ~~42.17A.235, and 42.17A.240. "Independent expenditure" does not~~
6 ~~include: An internal political communication primarily limited to the~~
7 ~~contributors to a political party organization or political action~~
8 ~~committee, or the officers, management staff, and stockholders of a~~
9 ~~corporation or similar enterprise, or the members of a labor~~
10 ~~organization or other membership organization; or the rendering of~~
11 ~~personal services of the sort commonly performed by volunteer~~
12 ~~campaign workers, or incidental expenses personally incurred by~~
13 ~~volunteer campaign workers not in excess of fifty dollars personally~~
14 ~~paid for by the worker. "Volunteer services," for the purposes of~~
15 ~~this section, means services or labor for which the individual is not~~
16 ~~compensated by any person.~~

17 ~~(2))~~ Within five days after the date of making an independent
18 expenditure that by itself or when added to all other such
19 independent expenditures made during the same election campaign by
20 the same person equals ~~((one hundred dollars or more))~~ the
21 contribution limit per election found in RCW 42.17A.405 for that
22 office, or within five days after the date of making an independent
23 expenditure for which no reasonable estimate of monetary value is
24 practicable, whichever occurs first, the person who made the
25 independent expenditure shall file with the commission an initial
26 report of all independent expenditures made during the campaign prior
27 to and including such date. Any expenditure in excess of one thousand
28 dollars for a local measure or two thousand dollars for a statewide
29 measure in support of or opposition to a ballot measure must be
30 reported as an in-kind contribution to a political committee
31 associated with support or opposition to that ballot measure or, in
32 the event no such committee exists, reported as an independent
33 expenditure.

34 ~~((3))~~ (2) At the following intervals each person who is
35 required to file an initial report pursuant to subsection ~~((2))~~ (1)
36 of this section shall file with the commission a further report of
37 the independent expenditures made since the date of the last report:

38 (a) On the twenty-first day and the seventh day preceding the
39 date on which the election is held; and

40 (b) On the tenth day of the first month after the election; and

1 (c) On the tenth day of each month in which no other reports are
2 required to be filed pursuant to this section. However, the further
3 reports required by this subsection (~~((3))~~) (2) shall only be filed
4 if the reporting person has made an independent expenditure since the
5 date of the last previous report filed.

6 (~~((The report filed pursuant to paragraph (a) of this subsection
7 (3) shall be the final report, and upon submitting such final report
8 the duties of the reporting person shall cease, and))~~) If the
9 reporting person has not made any independent expenditures since the
10 date of the last report on file, there shall be no obligation to make
11 any further reports.

12 (~~((4))~~) (3) All reports filed pursuant to this section shall be
13 certified as correct by the reporting person.

14 (~~((5))~~) (4) Each report required by subsections (~~((2))~~) (1) and
15 (~~((3))~~) (2) of this section shall disclose for the period beginning
16 at the end of the period for the last previous report filed or, in
17 the case of an initial report, beginning at the time of the first
18 independent expenditure, and ending not more than one business day
19 before the date the report is due:

20 (a) The name and address of the person filing the report;

21 (b) The name and address of each person to whom an independent
22 expenditure was made in the aggregate amount of more than fifty
23 dollars, and the amount, date, and purpose of each such expenditure.
24 If no reasonable estimate of the monetary value of a particular
25 independent expenditure is practicable, it is sufficient to report
26 instead a precise description of services, property, or rights
27 furnished through the expenditure and where appropriate to attach a
28 copy of the item produced or distributed by the expenditure;

29 (c) The total sum of all independent expenditures made during the
30 campaign to date; and

31 (d) Such other information as shall be required by the commission
32 by rule in conformance with the policies and purposes of this
33 chapter.

34 **Sec. 10.** RCW 42.17A.265 and 2010 c 204 s 414 are each amended to
35 read as follows:

36 (1) Treasurers shall prepare and deliver to the commission a
37 special report when a contribution or aggregate of contributions
38 (~~((totals one thousand dollars or more, is))~~) exceeds three times the

1 contribution limit per election from a single person or entity, and
2 is received during a special reporting period.

3 (2) A political committee treasurer shall prepare and deliver to
4 the commission a special report when ~~((it))~~ the political committee
5 makes a contribution or an aggregate of contributions to a single
6 entity that ~~((totals one thousand dollars or more))~~ exceeds three
7 times the contribution limit per election during a special reporting
8 period.

9 (3) An aggregate of contributions includes only those
10 contributions made to or received from a single entity during any one
11 special reporting period. Any subsequent contribution of any size
12 made to or received from the same person or entity during the special
13 reporting period must also be reported.

14 (4) Special reporting periods, for purposes of this section,
15 include:

16 (a) The period beginning on the day after the last report
17 required by RCW 42.17A.235 and 42.17A.240 to be filed before a
18 primary and concluding on the end of the day before that primary;

19 (b) The period twenty-one days preceding a general election; and

20 (c) An aggregate of contributions includes only those
21 contributions received from a single entity during any one special
22 reporting period or made by the contributing political committee to a
23 single entity during any one special reporting period.

24 (5) If a campaign treasurer files a special report under this
25 section for one or more contributions received from a single entity
26 during a special reporting period, the treasurer shall also file a
27 special report under this section for each subsequent contribution of
28 any size which is received from that entity during the special
29 reporting period. If a political committee files a special report
30 under this section for a contribution or contributions made to a
31 single entity during a special reporting period, the political
32 committee shall also file a special report for each subsequent
33 contribution of any size which is made to that entity during the
34 special reporting period.

35 (6) Special reports required by this section shall be delivered
36 electronically or in written form ~~((, including but not limited to~~
37 ~~mailgram, telegram, or nightletter))~~. The special report may be
38 transmitted orally by telephone to the commission if the written form
39 of the report is postmarked and mailed to the commission or the

1 electronic filing is transferred to the commission within the
2 delivery periods established in (a) and (b) of this subsection.

3 (a) The special report required of a contribution recipient under
4 subsection (1) of this section shall be delivered to the commission
5 within forty-eight hours of the time, or on the first working day
6 after: The qualifying contribution (~~(of one thousand dollars or~~
7 ~~more)) amount is received by the candidate or treasurer; the
8 aggregate received by the candidate or treasurer first equals (~~one~~
9 ~~thousand dollars)) the qualifying amount or more; or any subsequent
10 contribution from the same source is received by the candidate or
11 treasurer.~~~~

12 (b) The special report required of a contributor under subsection
13 (2) of this section or RCW 42.17A.625 shall be delivered to the
14 commission, and the candidate or political committee to whom the
15 contribution or contributions are made, within twenty-four hours of
16 the time, or on the first working day after: The contribution is
17 made; the aggregate of contributions made first equals (~~one thousand~~
18 ~~dollars)) the qualifying amount or more; or any subsequent
19 contribution to the same person or entity is made.~~

20 (7) The special report shall include:

21 (a) The amount of the contribution or contributions;

22 (b) The date or dates of receipt;

23 (c) The name and address of the donor;

24 (d) The name and address of the recipient; and

25 (e) Any other information the commission may by rule require.

26 (8) Contributions reported under this section shall also be
27 reported as required by other provisions of this chapter.

28 (9) The commission shall (~~prepare daily a summary of~~) make the
29 special reports made under this section and RCW 42.17A.625 available
30 on its web site within one business day.

31 (10) Contributions governed by this section include, but are not
32 limited to, contributions made or received indirectly through a third
33 party or entity whether the contributions are or are not reported to
34 the commission as earmarked contributions under RCW 42.17A.270.

35 **Sec. 11.** RCW 42.17A.450 and 1993 c 2 s 5 are each amended to
36 read as follows:

37 (1) Contributions by (~~a husband and wife~~) spouses are
38 considered separate contributions.

1 (2) Contributions by unemancipated children under eighteen years
2 of age are considered contributions by their parents and are
3 attributed proportionately to each parent. Fifty percent of the
4 contributions are attributed to each parent or, in the case of a
5 single custodial parent, the total amount is attributed to the
6 parent.

7 **Sec. 12.** RCW 42.17A.750 and 2013 c 166 s 1 are each amended to
8 read as follows:

9 (1) In addition to the penalties in subsection (2) of this
10 section, and any other remedies provided by law, one or more of the
11 following civil remedies and sanctions may be imposed by court order
12 in addition to any other remedies provided by law:

13 (a) If the court finds that the violation of any provision of
14 this chapter by any candidate or political committee probably
15 affected the outcome of any election, the result of that election may
16 be held void and a special election held within sixty days of the
17 finding. Any action to void an election shall be commenced within one
18 year of the date of the election in question. It is intended that
19 this remedy be imposed freely in all appropriate cases to protect the
20 right of the electorate to an informed and knowledgeable vote.

21 (b) If any lobbyist or sponsor of any grass roots lobbying
22 campaign violates any of the provisions of this chapter, his or her
23 registration may be revoked or suspended and he or she may be
24 enjoined from receiving compensation or making expenditures for
25 lobbying. The imposition of a sanction shall not excuse the lobbyist
26 from filing statements and reports required by this chapter.

27 (c) A person who violates any of the provisions of this chapter
28 may be subject to a civil penalty of not more than ten thousand
29 dollars for each violation. However, a person or entity who violates
30 RCW 42.17A.405 may be subject to a civil penalty of ten thousand
31 dollars or three times the amount of the contribution illegally made
32 or accepted, whichever is greater.

33 (d) When assessing a civil penalty for RCW 42.17A.405, the court
34 may consider the nature of the violation and any relevant
35 circumstances, including the following factors:

36 (i) The respondent's compliance history, including whether the
37 noncompliance was isolated or limited in nature, indicative of
38 systematic or ongoing problems, or part of a pattern of violations by
39 the respondent, or in the case of a political committee or other

1 entity, part of a pattern of violations by the respondent's officers,
2 staff, principal decision makers, consultants, or sponsoring
3 organization;

4 (ii) The impact on the public, including whether the
5 noncompliance deprived the public of timely or accurate information
6 during a time-sensitive period or otherwise had a significant or
7 material impact on the public;

8 (iii) Experience with campaign finance law and procedures or the
9 financing, staffing, or size of the respondent's campaign or
10 organization;

11 (iv) The amount of financial activity by the respondent during
12 the statement period or election cycle;

13 (v) Whether the late or unreported activity was within three
14 times the contribution limit per election, including in proportion to
15 the total amount of expenditures by the respondent in the campaign or
16 statement period;

17 (vi) Whether the respondent or any person benefited politically
18 or economically from the noncompliance;

19 (vii) Whether there was a personal emergency or illness of the
20 respondent or member of his or her immediate family;

21 (viii) Whether other emergencies such as fire, flood, or utility
22 failure prevented filing;

23 (ix) Whether there was commission staff or equipment error,
24 including technical problems at the commission that prevented or
25 delayed electronic filing;

26 (x) The respondent's demonstrated good-faith uncertainty
27 concerning commission staff guidance or instructions;

28 (xi) Whether the respondent is a first-time filer;

29 (xii) Good faith efforts to comply, including consultation with
30 commission staff prior to initiation of enforcement action and
31 cooperation with commission staff during enforcement action and a
32 demonstrated wish to acknowledge and take responsibility for the
33 violation;

34 (xiii) Penalties imposed in factually similar cases; and

35 (xiv) Other factors relevant to the particular case.

36 (e) A person who fails to file a properly completed statement or
37 report within the time required by this chapter may be subject to a
38 civil penalty of ten dollars per day for each day each delinquency
39 continues.

1 ~~((e))~~ (f) Each state agency director who knowingly fails to
2 file statements required by RCW 42.17A.635 shall be subject to
3 personal liability in the form of a civil penalty in the amount of
4 one hundred dollars per statement. These penalties are in addition to
5 any other civil remedies or sanctions imposed on the agency.

6 ~~((f))~~ (g) A person who fails to report a contribution or
7 expenditure as required by this chapter may be subject to a civil
8 penalty equivalent to the amount not reported as required.

9 ~~((g))~~ (h) Any state agency official, officer, or employee who
10 is responsible for or knowingly directs or expends public funds in
11 violation of RCW 42.17A.635 (2) or (3) may be subject to personal
12 liability in the form of a civil penalty in an amount that is at
13 least equivalent to the amount of public funds expended in the
14 violation.

15 ~~((h))~~ (i) The court may enjoin any person to prevent the doing
16 of any act herein prohibited, or to compel the performance of any act
17 required herein.

18 (2) The commission may refer the following violations for
19 criminal prosecution:

20 (a) A person who, with actual malice, violates a provision of
21 this chapter is guilty of a misdemeanor under chapter 9.92 RCW;

22 (b) A person who, within a five-year period, with actual malice,
23 violates three or more provisions of this chapter is guilty of a
24 gross misdemeanor under chapter 9.92 RCW; and

25 (c) A person who, with actual malice, procures or offers any
26 false or forged document to be filed, registered, or recorded with
27 the commission under this chapter is guilty of a class C felony under
28 chapter 9.94A RCW.

29 **Sec. 13.** RCW 42.17A.755 and 2011 c 145 s 7 are each amended to
30 read as follows:

31 (1) The commission may ~~((a) determine whether an actual~~
32 ~~violation of this chapter has occurred; and (b) issue and enforce an~~
33 ~~appropriate order following such a determination.))~~ initiate or
34 respond to a complaint, request for a technical correction, or
35 otherwise resolve matters of compliance with this chapter, in
36 accordance with this section. If a complaint is filed with or
37 initiated by the commission, the commission must:

1 (a) Dismiss the complaint or otherwise resolve the matter in
2 accordance with subsection (2) of this section, as appropriate under
3 the circumstances after conducting a preliminary review;

4 (b) Initiate an investigation to determine whether an actual
5 violation has occurred, conduct hearings, and issue and enforce an
6 appropriate order, in accordance with chapter 34.05 RCW; or

7 (c) Refer the matter to the attorney general, in accordance with
8 subsection (4) of this section.

9 (2)(a) For complaints of remedial violations or technical
10 corrections, the commission may, by rule, delegate authority to its
11 executive director to resolve these matters in accordance with
12 subsection (1)(a) of this section, so long as the executive director
13 consistently applies such authority, and all resolutions are approved
14 by the commission.

15 (b) The commission must, by rule, develop additional processes by
16 which a respondent may agree by stipulation to any allegations and
17 pay a penalty subject to a schedule of violations and penalties,
18 unless waived by the commission as provided for in this section. Any
19 stipulation must be referred to the commission for review. If
20 approved or modified by the commission, agreed to by the parties, and
21 the respondent complies with all requirements set forth in the
22 stipulation, the case is then considered resolved and no further
23 action or review is allowed.

24 (c) All matters resolved by the commission as remedial violations
25 or technical corrections must be approved by the commission.

26 (3) If the commission initiates an investigation, an initial
27 hearing must be held within ninety days of the complaint being filed.
28 Following an investigation, the commission(~~(, in cases where it~~
29 ~~chooses to determine whether an actual violation has occurred,~~
30 ~~shall)) must hold a hearing pursuant to the administrative procedure~~
31 act, chapter 34.05 RCW, if it chooses to make a determination whether
32 an actual violation has occurred. Any order that the commission
33 issues under this section shall be pursuant to such a hearing.

34 ~~((3) In lieu of holding a hearing or issuing an order under this~~
35 ~~section,)) (a) The person against whom an order is directed under~~
36 this section shall be designated as the respondent. The order may
37 require the respondent to cease and desist from the activity that
38 constitutes a violation and in addition, or alternatively, may impose
39 one or more of the remedies provided in RCW 42.17A.750(1) (b) through

1 (h), or other requirements as the commission determines appropriate
2 to effectuate the purposes of this chapter.

3 (b) The commission may assess a penalty in an amount not to
4 exceed ten thousand dollars per violation, unless the parties
5 stipulate to a higher amount. Any order that the commission issues
6 under this section that imposes a financial penalty must be made
7 pursuant to a hearing, held in accordance with the administrative
8 procedure act, chapter 34.05 RCW.

9 (c) The commission has the authority to waive a penalty for a
10 first-time actual violation. A second actual violation of the same
11 requirement by the same person, regardless if the person or
12 individual committed the actual violation for a different political
13 committee, shall result in a penalty. Successive actual violations of
14 the same requirement shall result in successively increased
15 penalties. The commission may suspend any portion of an assessed
16 penalty contingent on future compliance with this chapter. The
17 commission must create a schedule to enhance penalties based on
18 repeat actual violations by the person.

19 (d) Any order issued by the commission is subject to judicial
20 review under the administrative procedure act, chapter 34.05 RCW. If
21 the commission's order is not satisfied and no petition for review is
22 filed within thirty days, the commission may petition a court of
23 competent jurisdiction of any county in which a petition for review
24 could be filed under that jurisdiction, for an order of enforcement.
25 Proceedings in connection with the commission's petition shall be in
26 accordance with RCW 42.17A.760.

27 (4) For cases where the commission has determined that an actual
28 violation, or an aggregate of violations, involves an amount greater
29 than ten thousand dollars, the commission may refer the matter to the
30 attorney general ((or other enforcement agency as provided in RCW
31 42.17A.105)) if:

32 (a) All other administrative remedies have been exhausted;

33 (b) The commission believes the maximum penalty it is able to
34 levy is not enough to address the severity of the violation; or

35 (c) Additional authority is needed to ensure full compliance with
36 this chapter.

37 ~~((4) The person against whom an order is directed under this~~
38 ~~section shall be designated as the respondent. The order may require~~
39 ~~the respondent to cease and desist from the activity that constitutes~~
40 ~~a violation and in addition, or alternatively, may impose one or more~~

1 of the remedies provided in RCW 42.17A.750(1) (b) through (e). The
2 commission may assess a penalty in an amount not to exceed ten
3 thousand dollars.

4 (5) The commission has the authority to waive a fine for a first-
5 time violation. A second violation of the same rule by the same
6 person or individual, regardless if the person or individual
7 committed the violation for a different political committee, shall
8 result in a fine. Succeeding violations of the same rule shall result
9 in successively increased fines.

10 (6) An order issued by the commission under this section shall be
11 subject to judicial review under the administrative procedure act,
12 chapter 34.05 RCW. If the commission's order is not satisfied and no
13 petition for review is filed within thirty days, the commission may
14 petition a court of competent jurisdiction of any county in which a
15 petition for review could be filed under that section, for an order
16 of enforcement. Proceedings in connection with the commission's
17 petition shall be in accordance with RCW 42.17A.760.)

18 **Sec. 14.** RCW 42.17A.765 and 2010 c 204 s 1004 are each amended
19 to read as follows:

20 (1)(a) Only after a matter is referred by the commission, under
21 RCW 42.17A.755, the attorney general ((and the prosecuting
22 authorities of political subdivisions of this state)) may bring civil
23 actions in the name of the state for any appropriate civil remedy,
24 including but not limited to the special remedies provided in RCW
25 42.17A.750. If the attorney general fails to commence an action
26 within forty-five days of receiving a referral, the attorney general
27 must provide notice on the attorney general's office web site
28 including a reasonably supported explanation for not commencing an
29 action and that such decision is consistent with the policy in (b) of
30 this subsection.

31 (b) The attorney general should use the enforcement powers in
32 this section in a consistent manner that provides guidance in
33 complying with the provisions of this chapter to candidates,
34 political committees, or other individuals subject to the regulations
35 of this chapter.

36 (2) The attorney general ((and the prosecuting authorities of
37 political subdivisions of this state)) may investigate or cause to be
38 investigated the activities of any person who there is reason to
39 believe is or has been acting in violation of this chapter, and may

1 require any such person or any other person reasonably believed to
2 have information concerning the activities of such person to appear
3 at a time and place designated in the county in which such person
4 resides or is found, to give such information under oath and to
5 produce all accounts, bills, receipts, books, paper and documents
6 which may be relevant or material to any investigation authorized
7 under this chapter.

8 (3) When the attorney general (~~or the prosecuting authority of~~
9 ~~any political subdivision of this state~~)) requires the attendance of
10 any person to obtain such information or produce the accounts, bills,
11 receipts, books, papers, and documents that may be relevant or
12 material to any investigation authorized under this chapter, he or
13 she shall issue an order setting forth the time when and the place
14 where attendance is required and shall cause the same to be delivered
15 to or sent by registered mail to the person at least fourteen days
16 before the date fixed for attendance. The order shall have the same
17 force and effect as a subpoena, shall be effective statewide, and,
18 upon application of the attorney general (~~or the prosecuting~~
19 ~~authority~~)), obedience to the order may be enforced by any superior
20 court judge in the county where the person receiving it resides or is
21 found, in the same manner as though the order were a subpoena. The
22 court, after hearing, for good cause, and upon application of any
23 person aggrieved by the order, shall have the right to alter, amend,
24 revise, suspend, or postpone all or any part of its provisions. In
25 any case where the order is not enforced by the court according to
26 its terms, the reasons for the court's actions shall be clearly
27 stated in writing, and the action shall be subject to review by the
28 appellate courts by certiorari or other appropriate proceeding.

29 (~~(4) A person who has notified the attorney general and the~~
30 ~~prosecuting attorney in the county in which the violation occurred in~~
31 ~~writing that there is reason to believe that some provision of this~~
32 ~~chapter is being or has been violated may himself or herself bring in~~
33 ~~the name of the state any of the actions (hereinafter referred to as~~
34 ~~a citizen's action) authorized under this chapter.~~

35 ~~(a) This citizen action may be brought only if:~~

36 ~~(i) The attorney general and the prosecuting attorney have failed~~
37 ~~to commence an action hereunder within forty five days after the~~
38 ~~notice;~~

1 ~~(ii) The person has thereafter further notified the attorney~~
2 ~~general and prosecuting attorney that the person will commence a~~
3 ~~citizen's action within ten days upon their failure to do so;~~

4 ~~(iii) The attorney general and the prosecuting attorney have in~~
5 ~~fact failed to bring such action within ten days of receipt of said~~
6 ~~second notice; and~~

7 ~~(iv) The citizen's action is filed within two years after the~~
8 ~~date when the alleged violation occurred.~~

9 ~~(b) If the person who brings the citizen's action prevails, the~~
10 ~~judgment awarded shall escheat to the state, but he or she shall be~~
11 ~~entitled to be reimbursed by the state of Washington for costs and~~
12 ~~attorneys' fees he or she has incurred. In the case of a citizen's~~
13 ~~action that is dismissed and that the court also finds was brought~~
14 ~~without reasonable cause, the court may order the person commencing~~
15 ~~the action to pay all costs of trial and reasonable attorneys' fees~~
16 ~~incurred by the defendant.~~

17 ~~(5) In any action brought under this section, the court may award~~
18 ~~to the state all costs of investigation and trial, including~~
19 ~~reasonable attorneys' fees to be fixed by the court. If the violation~~
20 ~~is found to have been intentional, the amount of the judgment, which~~
21 ~~shall for this purpose include the costs, may be trebled as punitive~~
22 ~~damages. If damages or trebled damages are awarded in such an action~~
23 ~~brought against a lobbyist, the judgment may be awarded against the~~
24 ~~lobbyist, and the lobbyist's employer or employers joined as~~
25 ~~defendants, jointly, severally, or both. If the defendant prevails,~~
26 ~~he or she shall be awarded all costs of trial, and may be awarded~~
27 ~~reasonable attorneys' fees to be fixed by the court to be paid by the~~
28 ~~state of Washington.))~~

29 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 15.** A new section is added to chapter 42.17A
30 RCW to read as follows:

31 (1) A person who has reason to believe that a provision of this
32 chapter is being or has been violated may bring a citizen's action in
33 the name of the state, in accordance with the procedures of this
34 section.

35 (2) A citizen's action may be brought and prosecuted only if the
36 person first has filed a complaint with the commission and:

37 (a) The commission has failed to take action authorized under RCW
38 42.17A.755(1) within ninety days of the complaint being filed with
39 the commission; and

1 (b) For matters referred to the attorney general within ninety
2 days of the commission receiving the complaint, the attorney general
3 has failed to commence an action within forty-five days of receiving
4 referral from the commission.

5 (3) To initiate the citizen's action, after meeting the
6 requirements under subsection (2) of this section, a person must
7 notify the attorney general and the commission that he or she will
8 commence a citizen's action within ten days upon the attorney
9 general's failure to do so.

10 (4) The citizen's action must be commenced within two years after
11 the date when the alleged violation occurred and may not be commenced
12 against a committee before the end of such period if the committee
13 has received an acknowledgment of dissolution.

14 (5) If the person who brings the citizen's action prevails, the
15 judgment awarded shall escheat to the state, but he or she shall be
16 entitled to be reimbursed by the state for reasonable costs and
17 reasonable attorneys' fees the person incurred. In the case of a
18 citizen's action that is dismissed and that the court also finds was
19 brought without reasonable cause, the court may order the person
20 commencing the action to pay all trial costs and reasonable
21 attorneys' fees incurred by the defendant.

22 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 16.** A new section is added to chapter 42.17A
23 RCW to read as follows:

24 In any action brought under this chapter, the court may award to
25 the commission all reasonable costs of investigation and trial,
26 including reasonable attorneys' fees to be fixed by the court. If the
27 violation is found to have been intentional, the amount of the
28 judgment, which shall for this purpose include the costs, may be
29 trebled as punitive damages. If damages or trebled damages are
30 awarded in such an action brought against a lobbyist, the judgment
31 may be awarded against the lobbyist, and the lobbyist's employer or
32 employers joined as defendants, jointly, severally, or both. If the
33 defendant prevails, he or she shall be awarded all costs of trial and
34 may be awarded reasonable attorneys' fees to be fixed by the court
35 and paid by the state of Washington.

36 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 17.** A new section is added to chapter 42.17A
37 RCW to read as follows:

1 The public disclosure transparency account is created in the
2 custody of the state treasurer. All receipts from penalties collected
3 pursuant to enforcement actions under this chapter must be deposited
4 into the account. Such funds may not be used to supplant general fund
5 appropriations to the commission. Only the legislature may authorize
6 expenditures from the account for purposes consistent with the
7 implementation and administration of duties under this chapter.

8 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 18.** (1) The sum of one hundred twenty-five
9 thousand dollars is appropriated for the fiscal year ending June 30,
10 2018, from the general fund—state account to the public disclosure
11 commission solely for the purposes of administering chapter 42.17A
12 RCW.

13 (2) The sum of one hundred twenty-five thousand dollars is
14 appropriated for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2019, from the
15 general fund—state account to the public disclosure commission solely
16 for the purposes of administering chapter 42.17A RCW.

17 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 19.** If any provision of this act or its
18 application to any person or circumstance is held invalid, the
19 remainder of the act or the application of the provision to other
20 persons or circumstances is not affected."

21 Correct the title.

EFFECT: (1) Defines the following terms: "Books of account" for
campaigns and political committees and commercial advertisers;
"committee" as including any candidate, ballot measure, recall,
political, or continuing committee; "remedial violation" applying to
the Public Disclosure Commission's (PDC) enforcement authority.

(2) Amends the definition for "independent expenditure" to
include certain specified exceptions and removes the separate
definition of independent expenditure for purposes of reporting
requirements.

(3) Requires persons filing reports to provide an email address
to the PDC.

(4) Requires the PDC to publish a calendar of reporting dates on
its web site.

(5) Establishes a dissolution procedure for committees to file a
60 day notice and receive acknowledgment from the PDC upon
dissolution.

(6) Permits treasurers to provide digital access to account books
in lieu of making books available for physical inspection by
appointment.

(7) Waives a violation if an amended report correcting
inaccuracies is filed within 21 days, so long as the amended report

is accurate, the reportable amount is under certain limits, and it was initially reported in good faith or involved a refund.

(8) Provides that reportable debt includes any bills, goods, or services unpaid within 10 days, or within 5 days during the period within 30 days of an election.

(9) Exempts from reportable debt regularly reoccurring expenditures, and any further obligations made by third parties if the payment to such third party has been reported.

(10) Changes the special reporting threshold for large single contributions from \$1,000 to any single or aggregate contribution that is 3 times the contribution limit.

(11) Eliminates certain specific delivery methods for special large contribution reports, including mailgram, telegram, and nightletter.

(12) Provides a list of factors for a court to consider in determining a penalty for violations.

(13) Specifies that the PDC must take certain discretionary action on any complaint, including dismissing or resolving the complaint, initiating an investigation, determining a violation and issuing an order, or referring a matter to the Attorney General.

(14) Authorizes the PDC to delegate authority to the executive director to resolve remedial violations and technical corrections, pending approval by the PDC.

(15) Provides that the commission must approve any stipulation.

(16) Provides that the PDC has enforcement authority up to \$10,000 per violation.

(17) Limits the Attorney General's enforcement jurisdiction to matters referred from the PDC, and removes the authority of local prosecutors.

(18) Requires the Attorney General to provide notice and explanation if failing to commence an action within 45 days from the date of the PDC referral.

(19) Limits authorization of a citizen's action to matters where the PDC has not taken action on a complaint within 90 days, or the Attorney General has not commenced an action within 45 days of the PDC referral.

(20) Requires a person to notify the PDC and the Attorney General before filing a citizen's action.

(21) Allows the PDC to recover investigation and court costs.

(22) Creates a new nonappropriated account for receipts of penalties collected from enforcement actions to be used by the PDC.

(23) Provides a \$250,000 appropriation to the PDC from the general fund for the 2017-2019 biennium.

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