

CERTIFICATION OF ENROLLMENT

**HOUSE BILL 1375**

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Yeas 98 Nays 0

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**Speaker of the House of Representatives**

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**President of the Senate**

Approved

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**Governor of the State of Washington**

CERTIFICATE

I, Bernard Dean, Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives of the State of Washington, do hereby certify that the attached is **HOUSE BILL 1375** as passed by House of Representatives and the Senate on the dates hereon set forth.

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**Chief Clerk**

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By Representatives Wylie, Stonier, Vick, Harris, Gregerson, Kraft, Appleton, Dolan, Pellicciotti, Doglio, and Fey

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1 AN ACT Relating to applying campaign contribution limits to  
2 candidates for all port districts; and amending RCW 42.17A.405.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

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

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

7 (a) Candidates for legislative office;

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

9 (c) Candidates for county office;

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

14 (e) Candidates for city council office;

15 (f) Candidates for mayoral office;

16 (g) Candidates for school board office;

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

20 (i) Persons holding an office in (a) through (h) of this  
21 subsection against whom recall charges have been filed or to a

1 political committee having the expectation of making expenditures in  
2 support of the recall of a person holding the office;

3 (j) Caucus political committees;

4 (k) Bona fide political parties.

5 (2) No person, other than a bona fide political party or a caucus  
6 political committee, may make contributions to a candidate for a  
7 legislative office, county office, city council office, mayoral  
8 office, school board office, or public hospital district board of  
9 commissioners that in the aggregate exceed eight hundred dollars or  
10 to a candidate for a public office in a (~~special purpose~~) port  
11 district or a state office other than a legislative office that in  
12 the aggregate exceed one thousand six hundred dollars for each  
13 election in which the candidate is on the ballot or appears as a  
14 write-in candidate. Contributions to candidates subject to the limits  
15 in this section made with respect to a primary may not be made after  
16 the date of the primary. However, contributions to a candidate or a  
17 candidate's authorized committee may be made with respect to a  
18 primary until thirty days after the primary, subject to the following  
19 limitations: (a) The candidate lost the primary; (b) the candidate's  
20 authorized committee has insufficient funds to pay debts outstanding  
21 as of the date of the primary; and (c) the contributions may only be  
22 raised and spent to satisfy the outstanding debt. Contributions to  
23 candidates subject to the limits in this section made with respect to  
24 a general election may not be made after the final day of the  
25 applicable election cycle.

26 (3) No person, other than a bona fide political party or a caucus  
27 political committee, may make contributions to a state official, a  
28 county official, a city official, a school board member, a public  
29 hospital district commissioner, or a public official in a (~~special~~  
30 ~~purpose~~) port district against whom recall charges have been filed,  
31 or to a political committee having the expectation of making  
32 expenditures in support of the recall of the state official, county  
33 official, city official, school board member, public hospital  
34 district commissioner, or public official in a (~~special purpose~~)  
35 port district during a recall campaign that in the aggregate exceed  
36 eight hundred dollars if for a legislative office, county office,  
37 school board office, public hospital district office, or city office,  
38 or one thousand six hundred dollars if for a (~~special purpose~~) port  
39 district office or a state office other than a legislative office.

1 (4) (a) Notwithstanding subsection (2) of this section, no bona  
2 fide political party or caucus political committee may make  
3 contributions to a candidate during an election cycle that in the  
4 aggregate exceed (i) eighty cents multiplied by the number of  
5 eligible registered voters in the jurisdiction from which the  
6 candidate is elected if the contributor is a caucus political  
7 committee or the governing body of a state organization, or (ii)  
8 forty cents multiplied by the number of registered voters in the  
9 jurisdiction from which the candidate is elected if the contributor  
10 is a county central committee or a legislative district committee.

11 (b) No candidate may accept contributions from a county central  
12 committee or a legislative district committee during an election  
13 cycle that when combined with contributions from other county central  
14 committees or legislative district committees would in the aggregate  
15 exceed forty cents times the number of registered voters in the  
16 jurisdiction from which the candidate is elected.

17 (5) (a) Notwithstanding subsection (3) of this section, no bona  
18 fide political party or caucus political committee may make  
19 contributions to a state official, county official, city official,  
20 school board member, public hospital district commissioner, or a  
21 public official in a (~~special purpose~~) port district against whom  
22 recall charges have been filed, or to a political committee having  
23 the expectation of making expenditures in support of the state  
24 official, county official, city official, school board member, public  
25 hospital district commissioner, or a public official in a (~~special  
26 purpose~~) port district during a recall campaign that in the  
27 aggregate exceed (i) eighty cents multiplied by the number of  
28 eligible registered voters in the jurisdiction entitled to recall the  
29 state official if the contributor is a caucus political committee or  
30 the governing body of a state organization, or (ii) forty cents  
31 multiplied by the number of registered voters in the jurisdiction  
32 from which the candidate is elected if the contributor is a county  
33 central committee or a legislative district committee.

34 (b) No official holding an office specified in subsection (1) of  
35 this section against whom recall charges have been filed, no  
36 authorized committee of the official, and no political committee  
37 having the expectation of making expenditures in support of the  
38 recall of the official 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 multiplied by the number of registered voters in  
3 the jurisdiction from which the candidate is elected.

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

8 (7) Notwithstanding subsections (2) through (5) of this section,  
9 no person other than an individual, bona fide political party, or  
10 caucus political committee may make contributions reportable under  
11 this chapter to a caucus political committee that in the aggregate  
12 exceed eight hundred dollars in a calendar year or to a bona fide  
13 political party that in the aggregate exceed four thousand dollars in  
14 a calendar year. This subsection does not apply to loans made in the  
15 ordinary course of business.

16 (8) For the purposes of RCW 42.17A.125, 42.17A.405 through  
17 42.17A.415, 42.17A.450 through 42.17A.495, 42.17A.500, 42.17A.560,  
18 and 42.17A.565, a contribution to the authorized political committee  
19 of a candidate or of an official specified in subsection (1) of this  
20 section against whom recall charges have been filed is considered to  
21 be a contribution to the candidate or official.

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

27 (10) The contributions allowed by subsection (3) of this section  
28 are in addition to those allowed by subsection (2) of this section,  
29 and the contributions allowed by subsection (5) of this section are  
30 in addition to those allowed by subsection (4) of this section.

31 (11) RCW 42.17A.125, 42.17A.405 through 42.17A.415, 42.17A.450  
32 through 42.17A.495, 42.17A.500, 42.17A.560, and 42.17A.565 apply to a  
33 special election conducted to fill a vacancy in an office specified  
34 in subsection (1) of this section. However, the contributions made to  
35 a candidate or received by a candidate for a primary or special  
36 election conducted to fill such a vacancy shall not be counted toward  
37 any of the limitations that apply to the candidate or to  
38 contributions made to the candidate for any other primary or  
39 election.

1           (12) Notwithstanding the other subsections of this section, no  
2 corporation or business entity not doing business in Washington  
3 state, no labor union with fewer than ten members who reside in  
4 Washington state, and no political committee that has not received  
5 contributions of ten dollars or more from at least ten persons  
6 registered to vote in Washington state during the preceding one  
7 hundred eighty days may make contributions reportable under this  
8 chapter to a state office candidate, to a state official against whom  
9 recall charges have been filed, or to a political committee having  
10 the expectation of making expenditures in support of the recall of  
11 the official. This subsection does not apply to loans made in the  
12 ordinary course of business.

13           (13) Notwithstanding the other subsections of this section, no  
14 county central committee or legislative district committee may make  
15 contributions reportable under this chapter to a candidate specified  
16 in subsection (1) of this section, or an official specified in  
17 subsection (1) of this section against whom recall charges have been  
18 filed, or political committee having the expectation of making  
19 expenditures in support of the recall of an official specified in  
20 subsection (1) of this section if the county central committee or  
21 legislative district committee is outside of the jurisdiction  
22 entitled to elect the candidate or recall the official.

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

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

27           (a) An expenditure or contribution earmarked for voter  
28 registration, for absentee ballot information, for precinct caucuses,  
29 for get-out-the-vote campaigns, for precinct judges or inspectors,  
30 for sample ballots, or for ballot counting, all without promotion of  
31 or political advertising for individual candidates;

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

35           (c) An expenditure or contribution for independent expenditures  
36 as defined in RCW 42.17A.005 or electioneering communications as  
37 defined in RCW 42.17A.005.

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