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AGENDA

PUBLIC DISCLOSURE COMMISSION

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The Administrative Procedure Act requires state agencies to prepare a biannual rules development agenda that includes the issues under consideration for rule making for the upcoming six-month period. RCW 34.05.314. Agendas are published in the State Register at the end of January and July each year. Staff proposes the following rule-making agenda for the period from January through July 2023:

- Update campaign reporting for digital political advertising (chapter 390-16 WAC). Over the last few years, the commission has reviewed and analyzed the policy and mechanisms for improving disclosure in the evolving area of digital political advertising. A product of this work was the adoption of rules earlier this year updating the requirements for commercial advertisers to maintain records of the digital political advertising they sell. Another step in this work is focusing on the detail of campaign reporting of expenditures on political advertising. The commission will consider making improvements in disclosure requirements for campaigns to report on political advertising and other activities.
- Adjustments to the inflationary index for lobbying reporting (chapter 390-20 WAC). Under RCW 42.17A.125, the commission must periodically consider revising the values set for contribution limits, reporting thresholds, and code values, in reference to any economic changes reflected by the inflationary index. Such revisions must be adopted in rules. The period for consideration is between every two and five years. The commission initiated rule making for making inflationary adjustments, which has focused on reporting values and contribution limits for election campaigns. The adjustments for lobbying activities were held out of that rule making so that those changes would not be made during a lobbying reporting period. Once the campaign adjustments are made, the commission will turn its focus on adjusting the lobbying category. The current values in law will be evaluated and considered for possible adjustments in rule.

Action Requested: Staff requests the commission adopt the attached rules development agenda for publication in the Washington State Register.