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By Representative Anderson

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1 AN ACT Relating to campaign contributions; amending RCW 42.17.090;
2 and adding a new section to chapter 42.17 RCW.

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

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 42.17.090 and 1993 c 256 s 6 are each amended to read
5 as follows:

6 (1) Each report required under RCW 42.17.080 (1) and (2) shall
7 disclose the following:

8 (a) The funds on hand at the beginning of the period;

9 (b) The name and address of each person who has made one or more
10 contributions during the period, together with the money value and date
11 of such contributions and the aggregate value of all contributions
12 received from each such person during the campaign or in the case of a
13 continuing political committee, the current calendar year(~~(:—PROVIDED,~~
14 ~~That)~~). The following shall also be listed for each contributor from
15 whom a candidate received during the election cycle contributions with
16 an aggregate value of more than one hundred dollars: The occupation of
17 the contributor, the name of the contributor's employer, and the name
18 or the employer of the contributor's spouse. Pledges in the aggregate
19 of less than one hundred dollars from any one person need not be

1 reported(~~(: PROVIDED FURTHER, That)~~). The income which results from
2 a fund-raising activity conducted in accordance with RCW 42.17.067 may
3 be reported as one lump sum, with the exception of that portion of such
4 income which was received from persons whose names and addresses are
5 required to be included in the report required by RCW 42.17.067(~~(: PROVIDED FURTHER, That)~~). Contributions of no more than twenty-five
6 dollars in the aggregate from any one person during the election
7 campaign may be reported as one lump sum so long as the campaign
8 treasurer maintains a separate and private list of the name, address,
9 and amount of each such contributor(~~(: PROVIDED FURTHER, That)~~). The
10 money value of contributions of postage shall be the face value of such
11 postage;
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13 (c) Each loan, promissory note, or security instrument to be used
14 by or for the benefit of the candidate or political committee made by
15 any person, together with the names and addresses of the lender and
16 each person liable directly, indirectly or contingently and the date
17 and amount of each such loan, promissory note, or security instrument;
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19 (d) All other contributions not otherwise listed or exempted;

20 (e) The name and address of each candidate or political committee
21 to which any transfer of funds was made, together with the amounts and
22 dates of such transfers;

23 (f) The name and address of each person to whom an expenditure was
24 made in the aggregate amount of more than fifty dollars during the
25 period covered by this report, and the amount, date, and purpose of
26 each such expenditure. A candidate for state executive or state
27 legislative office or the political committee of such a candidate shall
28 report this information for an expenditure under one of the following
29 categories, whichever is appropriate: (i) Expenditures for the
30 election of the candidate; (ii) expenditures for nonreimbursed public
31 office-related expenses; (iii) expenditures required to be reported
32 under (e) of this subsection; or (iv) expenditures of surplus funds and
33 other expenditures. The report of such a candidate or committee shall
34 contain a separate total of expenditures for each category and a total
35 sum of all expenditures. Other candidates and political committees
36 need not report information regarding expenditures under the categories
37 listed in (i) through (iv) of this subsection or under similar such
38 categories unless required to do so by the commission by rule. The
39 report of such an other candidate or committee shall also contain the
total sum of all expenditures;

1 (g) The name and address of each person to whom any expenditure was
2 made directly or indirectly to compensate the person for soliciting or
3 procuring signatures on an initiative or referendum petition, the
4 amount of such compensation to each such person, and the total of the
5 expenditures made for this purpose. Such expenditures shall be
6 reported under this subsection (1)(g) whether the expenditures are or
7 are not also required to be reported under (f) of this subsection;

8 (h) The name and address of any person and the amount owed for any
9 debt, obligation, note, unpaid loan, or other liability in the amount
10 of more than two hundred fifty dollars or in the amount of more than
11 fifty dollars that has been outstanding for over thirty days;

12 (i) The surplus or deficit of contributions over expenditures;

13 (j) The disposition made in accordance with RCW 42.17.095 of any
14 surplus funds;

15 (k) Such other information as shall be required by the commission
16 by rule in conformance with the policies and purposes of this chapter;
17 and

18 (l) Funds received from a political committee not otherwise
19 required to report under this chapter (a "nonreporting committee").
20 Such funds shall be forfeited to the state of Washington unless the
21 nonreporting committee has filed or within ten days following such
22 receipt files with the commission a statement disclosing: (i) Its name
23 and address; (ii) the purposes of the nonreporting committee; (iii) the
24 names, addresses, and titles of its officers or if it has no officers,
25 the names, addresses, and titles of its responsible leaders; (iv) the
26 name, office sought, and party affiliation of each candidate in the
27 state of Washington whom the nonreporting committee is supporting, and,
28 if such committee is supporting the entire ticket of any party, the
29 name of the party; (v) the ballot proposition supported or opposed in
30 the state of Washington, if any, and whether such committee is in favor
31 of or opposed to such proposition; (vi) the name and address of each
32 person residing in the state of Washington or corporation which has a
33 place of business in the state of Washington who has made one or more
34 contributions in the aggregate of more than twenty-five dollars to the
35 nonreporting committee during the current calendar year, together with
36 the money value and date of such contributions; (vii) the name and
37 address of each person in the state of Washington to whom an
38 expenditure was made by the nonreporting committee on behalf of a
39 candidate or political committee in the aggregate amount of more than

1 fifty dollars, the amount, date, and purpose of such expenditure, and
2 the total sum of such expenditures; (viii) such other information as
3 the commission may prescribe by rule, in keeping with the policies and
4 purposes of this chapter. A nonreporting committee incurring an
5 obligation to file additional reports in a calendar year may satisfy
6 the obligation by filing with the commission a letter providing
7 updating or amending information.

8 (2) The treasurer and the candidate shall certify the correctness
9 of each report.

10 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** A new section is added to chapter 42.17 RCW
11 to read as follows:

12 The provisions of RCW 42.17.090(1)(b) requiring the listing of the
13 occupation, employer, and spouse's employer of certain contributors do
14 not apply to a political committee the principal purpose of which is
15 receiving contributions and making expenditures regarding one or more
16 ballot measures. The commission may not require, by rule, that such a
17 committee gather or provide such information or that such information
18 be gathered or listed for any contributions from a person aggregating
19 one hundred dollars or less. This section does not prohibit the
20 commission, in conducting an audit, from seeking from contributors the
21 identity of their employers or the identity of the employers of their
22 spouses.

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