

5931-S

Sponsor(s): Senate Committee on State & Local Government (originally sponsored by Senators Patterson, Horn, Gardner, McCaslin, Haugen, Kline, Brown, Costa, Hale, Kohl-Welles, B. Sheldon and Bauer)

Brief Title: Requiring electronic filing and publication of campaign finance and lobbyist reports.

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(SUBSTITUTED FOR - SEE 2ND SUB)

Declares an intent to ensure that the commission provide the general public timely access to all contribution and expenditure reports submitted by candidates, continuing political committees, bona fide political parties, lobbyists, and lobbyists' employers.

Finds that failure to comply with this chapter's requirements for full and timely disclosure threatens to undermine our electoral process.

Directs the commission to ensure that all reports, copies of reports, or copies of the data or information included in reports, filed under RCW 42.17.040, 42.17.065, 42.17.080, 42.17.100, 42.17.105, 42.17.150, 42.17.170, 42.17.175, and 42.17.180, that are: (1) Submitted electronically via modem, satellite, or the Internet, must be accessible in the commission's office and via the commission's web site within two business days of the commission's receipt of the report; and

(2) submitted in any format or via any method other than those listed in this act, must be accessible in the commission's office and via the commission's web site within four business days of the commission's receipt of the report.

Makes appropriations to carry out the purposes of the act.