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By Representative Dunshee

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1 AN ACT Relating to campaign contributions by limited liability  
2 companies; and amending RCW 42.17.660.

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

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 42.17.660 and 2005 c 445 s 12 are each amended to read  
5 as follows:

6 For purposes of this chapter:

7 (1) A contribution by a political committee with funds that have  
8 all been contributed by one person who exercises exclusive control over  
9 the distribution of the funds of the political committee is a  
10 contribution by the controlling person.

11 (2) Two or more entities are treated as a single entity if one of  
12 the two or more entities is a subsidiary, branch, or department of a  
13 corporation that is participating in an election campaign or making  
14 contributions, or a local unit or branch of a trade association, labor  
15 union, or collective bargaining association that is participating in an  
16 election campaign or making contributions. All contributions made by  
17 a person or political committee whose contribution or expenditure  
18 activity is financed, maintained, or controlled by a trade association,  
19 labor union, collective bargaining organization, or the local unit of

1 a trade association, labor union, or collective bargaining organization  
2 are considered made by the trade association, labor union, collective  
3 bargaining organization, or local unit of a trade association, labor  
4 union, or collective bargaining organization.

5 (3) Two or more limited liability companies are treated as a single  
6 entity for contribution purposes if one of the two or more entities is  
7 participating in an election campaign or making contributions and two  
8 or more members of the entities are the same person.

9 (4) The commission shall adopt rules to carry out this section and  
10 is not subject to the time restrictions of RCW 42.17.370(1).

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