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By Senators Benton, Kastama, Roach, Berkey, Benson, Zarelli, Stevens, Delvin, Honeyford and Schmidt

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1 AN ACT Relating to out-of-state political committees; and amending  
2 RCW 42.17.093.

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

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 42.17.093 and 2003 c 123 s 2 are each amended to read  
5 as follows:

6 (1) An out-of-state political committee organized for the purpose  
7 of supporting or opposing candidates or ballot propositions in another  
8 state that is not otherwise required to report under RCW 42.17.040  
9 through 42.17.090 shall report as required in this section when it  
10 makes an expenditure supporting or opposing a Washington state  
11 candidate or political committee. The committee shall file with the  
12 commission a statement disclosing:

13 (a) Its name and address;

14 (b) The purposes of the out-of-state committee;

15 (c) The names, addresses, and titles of its officers or, if it has  
16 no officers, the names, addresses, and the titles of its responsible  
17 leaders;

18 (d) The name, office sought, and party affiliation of each

1 candidate in the state of Washington whom the out-of-state committee is  
2 supporting or opposing and, if such committee is supporting or opposing  
3 the entire ticket of any party, the name of the party;

4 (e) The ballot proposition supported or opposed in the state of  
5 Washington, if any, and whether such committee is in favor of or  
6 opposed to such proposition;

7 (f) The name ~~((and))~~, address, and employer of each person  
8 ~~((residing in the state of Washington))~~ or corporation ~~((which has a  
9 place of business in the state of Washington))~~ who has made one or more  
10 contributions in the aggregate of more than twenty-five dollars to the  
11 out-of-state committee during the current calendar year, together with  
12 the money value and date of such contributions;

13 (g) The name and address of each person in the state of Washington  
14 to whom an expenditure was made by the out-of-state committee with  
15 respect to a candidate or political committee in the aggregate amount  
16 of more than fifty dollars, the amount, date, and purpose of such  
17 expenditure, and the total sum of such expenditures; and

18 (h) Such other information as the commission may prescribe by rule  
19 in keeping with the policies and purposes of this chapter.

20 (2) Each statement shall be filed in the manner and no later than  
21 the ~~((twentieth day of the month following any month in which a  
22 contribution or other expenditure reportable under subsection (1) of  
23 this section is made. An out of state committee incurring an  
24 obligation to file additional statements in a calendar year may satisfy  
25 the obligation by timely filing reports that supplement previously  
26 filed information))~~ dates set forth as required in RCW 42.17.080 and  
27 42.17.105.

28 (3) A political committee required to file campaign reports with  
29 the federal election commission or its successor is exempt from  
30 reporting under this section if the federal report contains the  
31 information otherwise required by a state filing and the report is  
32 available for public inspection on or before the date that a state  
33 filing would be required.

34 (4) All in-state contribution limits apply to all out-of-state  
35 organizations participating in any election at any level within  
36 Washington state.

1        NEW SECTION.   **Sec. 2.**  If any provision of this act or its  
2 application to any person or circumstance is held invalid, the  
3 remainder of the act or the application of the provision to other  
4 persons or circumstances is not affected.

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