

SENATE BILL REPORT

SHB 1048

As Reported by Senate Committee On:
Government Operations, Tribal Relations & Elections, March 17, 2011

Title: An act relating to making technical corrections needed as a result of the recodification of campaign finance provisions in chapter 204, Laws of 2010.

Brief Description: Making technical corrections needed as a result of the recodification of campaign finance provisions.

Sponsors: House Committee on State Government & Tribal Affairs (originally sponsored by Representative Hunt).

Brief History: Passed House: 3/03/11, 98-0.

Committee Activity: Government Operations, Tribal Relations & Elections: 3/14/11, 3/17/11 [DP].

SENATE COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS, TRIBAL RELATIONS & ELECTIONS

Majority Report: Do pass.

Signed by Senators Pridemore, Chair; Prentice, Vice Chair; Swecker, Ranking Minority Member; Chase, Nelson and Roach.

Staff: Diane Smith (786-7410)

Background: In 2010 the Legislature passed a bill that reorganized and recodified chapter 42.17 RCW relating to campaign finance disclosure and contributions. The recodified campaign finance laws are contained in chapter 42.17A RCW and become effective January 1, 2012.

Two other bills amending chapter 42.17 RCW passed in 2010. One bill eliminated the requirement to file certain campaign finance reports with county election officials, and the other bill extended campaign contribution limits to all county offices, city council offices, and mayoral offices.

Summary of Bill: Technical changes are made to various statutes to correct cross-references resulting from the recodification of chapter 42.17 RCW. In addition, double amendments

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resulting from multiple sections of statute that were amended in three separate bills are corrected. No policy changes are made.

Appropriation: None.

Fiscal Note: Not requested.

Committee/Commission/Task Force Created: No.

Effective Date: The bill takes effect January 1, 2012.

Staff Summary of Public Testimony: PRO: Although a technical bill, it is very important. It is housekeeping, only.

Persons Testifying: PRO: Representative Hunt, prime sponsor; Doug Ellis, Public Disclosure Commission.