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**SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL 1474**

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**By** House State Government & Tribal Affairs (originally sponsored by Representative Moeller)

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1 AN ACT Relating to collecting fees to accommodate electronic filing  
2 and disclosure of campaign finance reports; adding new sections to  
3 chapter 42.17 RCW; adding new sections to chapter 42.17A RCW; providing  
4 an effective date; and providing an expiration date.

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

6 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 42.17 RCW  
7 to read as follows:

8 All agencies required to report under RCW 42.17.190 must file all  
9 reports required by this chapter electronically over the internet as  
10 provided by the commission under RCW 42.17.369.

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

13 (1) All agencies required to report under RCW 42.17A.635 must file  
14 all reports required by this chapter electronically over the internet  
15 as provided by the commission under RCW 42.17A.055.

16 (2) Beginning July 1, 2012, all lobbyists and lobbyists' employers  
17 required to file reports under RCW 42.17A.600, 42.17A.615, 42.17A.625,

1 or 42.17A.630 must file all reports required by this chapter  
2 electronically over the internet as provided by the commission under  
3 RCW 42.17A.055.

4 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** A new section is added to chapter 42.17 RCW  
5 to read as follows:

6 (1) Lobbyists and lobbyists' employers who are registered or  
7 required to report for calendar year 2011, or who subsequently register  
8 for any part of calendar year 2011, must pay an initial fee to the  
9 commission for the development and implementation of the electronic  
10 filing system under RCW 42.17.369 as follows:

11 (a) Two hundred fifty dollars for each lobbyist whose total  
12 reportable accrued compensation for lobbying, whether from or on behalf  
13 of one or more lobbyists' employers, was ten thousand dollars or more  
14 for the previous calendar year, or is expected to be ten thousand  
15 dollars or more for the current calendar year;

16 (b) Five hundred dollars for each lobbyist employer whose total  
17 reportable accrued expenses and payments for lobbying, including those  
18 through or on behalf of one or more lobbyists, was ten thousand dollars  
19 or more for the previous calendar year, or is expected to be ten  
20 thousand dollars or more for the current calendar year;

21 (c) One hundred fifty dollars for every state agency that has more  
22 than fifty full-time equivalent employees; and

23 (d) One hundred fifty dollars for every local government that  
24 employs a lobbyist.

25 (2) Fees received under this section must be deposited into the  
26 public disclosure electronic filing account under section 6 of this  
27 act. The fees in this section shall be used to establish the software  
28 and hardware needed to establish an electronic filing system for  
29 lobbyists and lobbyist employers.

30 (3) The commission shall adopt rules and procedures to implement  
31 this section.

32 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 4.** A new section is added to chapter 42.17A RCW  
33 to read as follows:

34 (1) Beginning January 1, 2012, the following persons and  
35 individuals must pay an annual fee to the commission:

1 (a) Every political committee must pay a fee of two hundred dollars  
2 to the commission each calendar year that it is required to report  
3 under RCW 42.17A.205, 42.17A.210, 42.17A.220, 42.17A.225, 42.17A.235,  
4 or 42.17A.250;

5 (b) Every lobbyist and lobbyist employer must pay a fee of two  
6 hundred dollars to the commission each calendar year that it is  
7 required to report under RCW 42.17A.600, 42.17A.615, 42.17A.630, or  
8 42.17A.640;

9 (c) Every state agency that has fifty full-time equivalent  
10 employees must pay a fee of one hundred fifty dollars;

11 (d) Every local government that employs a lobbyist must pay a fee  
12 of one hundred fifty dollars;

13 (e) Every elected official that receives a salary and is required  
14 to report under RCW 42.17A.700 must pay a fee of two hundred dollars to  
15 the commission for each calendar year he or she is an elected official  
16 and is required to report;

17 (f) No person or individual must pay more than one fee in a  
18 calendar year under this section. Any person may appeal a fee to the  
19 commission.

20 (2) Fees received under this section must be deposited into the  
21 public disclosure electronic filing account under section 7 of this  
22 act. The fees collected under this section must be used for data  
23 development costs and purchase and maintenance of computer hardware and  
24 software to maintain electronic filing of the reports required by this  
25 chapter.

26 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 5.** A new section is added to chapter 42.17A RCW  
27 to read as follows:

28 The commission shall adopt rules and procedures to implement  
29 section 4 of this act.

30 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 6.** A new section is added to chapter 42.17 RCW  
31 to read as follows:

32 (1) The public disclosure electronic filing account is created in  
33 the custody of the state treasurer. All receipts from fees paid by  
34 lobbyists, lobbyist employers, and state agencies under section 3 of  
35 this act must be deposited into the account. Expenditures from the

1 account may be used only for costs incurred as a result of the design,  
2 development, implementation, and maintenance of:

3 (a) Software or other applications to accommodate electronic filing  
4 of the reports required by this chapter; and

5 (b) A database and query system compatible with current  
6 architecture, technology, and operating systems that result in readily  
7 available data to the public for review and analysis.

8 (2) Only the executive director of the public disclosure commission  
9 or the executive director's designee may authorize expenditures from  
10 the account. The account is subject to allotment procedures under  
11 chapter 43.88 RCW, but an appropriation is not required for  
12 expenditures.

13 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 7.** A new section is added to chapter 42.17A RCW  
14 to read as follows:

15 (1) The public disclosure electronic filing account is created in  
16 the custody of the state treasurer. All receipts from fees paid by  
17 persons, lobbyists, and lobbyist employers under section 4 of this act  
18 must be deposited into the account. Expenditures from the account may  
19 be used only for costs incurred as a result of the design, development,  
20 implementation, and maintenance of:

21 (a) Computer hardware and software or other applications to  
22 accommodate electronic filing of the reports required by this chapter;  
23 and

24 (b) A database and query system compatible with current  
25 architecture, technology, and operating systems that result in readily  
26 available data to the public for review and analysis.

27 (2) Only the executive director of the public disclosure commission  
28 or the executive director's designee may authorize expenditures from  
29 the account. The account is subject to allotment procedures under  
30 chapter 43.88 RCW, but an appropriation is not required for  
31 expenditures.

32 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 8.** Sections 2, 4, 5, and 7 of this act take  
33 effect January 1, 2012.

1           NEW SECTION.   **Sec. 9.**   Sections 1, 3, and 6 of this act expire  
2   January 1, 2012.

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