
SECOND 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 42.17A RCW; and providing an effective date.

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

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

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

10 (2) No later than January 1, 2014, all lobbyists and lobbyists'
11 employers required to file reports under RCW 42.17A.600, 42.17A.615,
12 42.17A.625, or 42.17A.630 must file all reports required by this
13 chapter electronically over the internet as provided by the commission
14 under RCW 42.17A.055.

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

17 (1) The following persons and individuals must pay an annual fee to
18 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 whose total reportable accrued compensation for
6 lobbying, whether from or on behalf of one or more lobbyists'
7 employers, was ten thousand dollars or more for the previous calendar
8 year must pay a fee of two hundred dollars to the commission each
9 calendar year that it is required to report under RCW 42.17A.600,
10 42.17A.615, 42.17A.630, or 42.17A.640;

11 (c) Every lobbyist employer whose total reportable accrued expenses
12 and payments for lobbying, including those through or on behalf of one
13 or more lobbyists, was ten thousand dollars or more for the previous
14 calendar year, must pay a fee of two hundred dollars to the commission
15 each calendar year that it is required to report under RCW 42.17A.600,
16 42.17A.615, 42.17A.630, or 42.17A.640;

17 (d) Every government entity that employs more than fifty full-time
18 equivalent employees must pay a fee of one hundred fifty dollars each
19 calendar year that it is required to report under RCW 42.17A.635(5);

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

24 (2) No person or individual must pay more than one fee in a
25 calendar year under this section. Any person may appeal a fee to the
26 commission if he or she is imposed more than one fee under this section
27 in a calendar year.

28 (3) The commission shall adopt rules and procedures to implement
29 this section.

30 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** A new section is added to chapter 42.17A 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 under
34 section 2 of this act must be deposited into the account. Expenditures
35 from the account may be used only for costs incurred as a result of the
36 design, development, implementation, and maintenance of:

1 (a) Computer hardware and software or other applications to
2 accommodate electronic filing of the reports required by this chapter;
3 and

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

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

12 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 4.** This act takes effect January 1, 2013.

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