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By Representatives S. Hunt, Stanford, Jinkins, Ormsby, and Pollet; by request of Public Disclosure Commission

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1 AN ACT Relating to enhanced disclosure requirements for large  
2 campaign contributions; and amending RCW 42.17A.265.

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

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 42.17A.265 and 2010 c 204 s 414 are each amended to  
5 read as follows:

6 (1)(a) Treasurers shall ((prepare and deliver to)) electronically  
7 file with the commission a special report when a contribution or  
8 aggregate of contributions totals one thousand dollars or more, is  
9 from a single person or entity, and is received during a special  
10 reporting period.

11 (b) Treasurers shall electronically file with the commission a  
12 special report when a contribution of twenty-five thousand dollars or  
13 more is received from a single entity outside of a special reporting  
14 period.

15 (2)(a) A political committee shall ((prepare and deliver to))  
16 electronically file with the commission a special report when it  
17 makes a contribution or an aggregate of contributions to a single  
18 entity that totals one thousand dollars or more during a special  
19 reporting period.

1 (b) A political committee shall electronically file with the  
2 commission a special report when it makes a contribution of twenty-  
3 five thousand dollars or more outside of a special reporting period.

4 (3) An aggregate of contributions includes only those  
5 contributions made to or received from a single entity during any one  
6 special reporting period. Any subsequent contribution of any size  
7 made to or received from the same person or entity during the special  
8 reporting period must also be reported.

9 (4) Special reporting periods, for purposes of this section,  
10 include(~~(~~

11 ~~(a) The period beginning on the day after the last report~~  
12 ~~required by RCW 42.17A.235 and 42.17A.240 to be filed before a~~  
13 ~~primary and concluding on the end of the day before that primary;~~

14 ~~(b)) the period twenty-one days preceding a primary election or~~  
15 ~~general election(~~(~~and~~

16 ~~(c) An aggregate of contributions includes only those~~  
17 ~~contributions received from a single entity during any one special~~  
18 ~~reporting period or made by the contributing political committee to a~~  
19 ~~single entity during any one special reporting period)).~~

20 (5) If a campaign treasurer files a special report under this  
21 section for one or more contributions received from a single entity  
22 during a special reporting period, the treasurer shall also file a  
23 special report under this section for each subsequent contribution of  
24 any size which is received from that entity during the special  
25 reporting period. If a political committee files a special report  
26 under this section for a contribution or contributions made to a  
27 single entity during a special reporting period, the political  
28 committee shall also file a special report for each subsequent  
29 contribution of any size which is made to that entity during the  
30 special reporting period.

31 ~~(6) ((Special reports required by this section shall be delivered~~  
32 ~~electronically or in written form, including but not limited to~~  
33 ~~mailgram, telegram, or nightletter. The special report may be~~  
34 ~~transmitted orally by telephone to the commission if the written form~~  
35 ~~of the report is postmarked and mailed to the commission or the~~  
36 ~~electronic filing is transferred to the commission within the~~  
37 ~~delivery periods established in (a) and (b) of this subsection.))~~

38 (a) The special report required of a contribution recipient under  
39 subsection (1)(a) of this section shall be ~~((delivered to))~~  
40 electronically filed with the commission within forty-eight hours of

1 the time, or on the first working day after: The contribution of one  
2 thousand dollars or more is received by the candidate or treasurer;  
3 the aggregate received by the candidate or treasurer first equals one  
4 thousand dollars or more; or any subsequent contribution from the  
5 same source is received by the candidate or treasurer.

6 (b) The special report required of a contributor under subsection  
7 (2)(a) of this section or RCW 42.17A.625 shall be (~~delivered to~~)  
8 electronically filed with the commission, and the candidate or  
9 political committee to whom the contribution or contributions are  
10 made, within twenty-four hours of the time, or on the first working  
11 day after: The contribution is made; the aggregate of contributions  
12 made first equals one thousand dollars or more; or any subsequent  
13 contribution to the same person or entity is made.

14 (7) The special report shall include:

15 (a) The amount of the contribution or contributions;

16 (b) The date or dates of receipt;

17 (c) The name and address of the donor;

18 (d) The name and address of the recipient; and

19 (e) Any other information the commission may by rule require.

20 (8) Contributions reported under this section shall also be  
21 reported as required by other provisions of this chapter.

22 (9) (~~The commission shall prepare daily a summary of the special~~  
23 ~~reports made under this section and RCW 42.17A.625.~~

24 (+10)) Contributions governed by this section include, but are  
25 not limited to, contributions made or received indirectly through a  
26 third party or entity whether the contributions are or are not  
27 reported to the commission as earmarked contributions under RCW  
28 42.17A.270.

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