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HOUSE BILL 2561

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

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1 AN ACT Relating to standardizing disclosure requirements for  
2 political committees; and amending RCW 42.17A.250.

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

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 42.17A.250 and 2010 c 204 s 411 are each amended to  
5 read as follows:

6 (1) ~~((An out-of-state))~~ A political committee organized ~~((for the~~  
7 ~~purpose of supporting or opposing candidates or ballot propositions~~  
8 ~~in another state that is not otherwise required to report under RCW~~  
9 ~~42.17A.205 through 42.17A.240 shall report as required in this~~  
10 ~~section when it makes an expenditure supporting or opposing a~~  
11 ~~Washington state candidate or political committee. The committee~~  
12 ~~shall file with the 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~~  
16 ~~has no officers, the names, addresses, and the titles of its~~  
17 ~~responsible leaders;~~

18 ~~(d) The name, office sought, and party affiliation of each~~  
19 ~~candidate in the state of Washington whom the out-of-state committee~~  
20 ~~is supporting or opposing and, if the committee is supporting or~~  
21 ~~opposing the entire ticket of any party, the name of the party;~~

1       ~~(e) The ballot proposition supported or opposed in the state of~~  
2 ~~Washington, if any, and whether the committee is in favor of or~~  
3 ~~opposed to that proposition;~~

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

10       ~~(g) The name, address, and employer of each person or corporation~~  
11 ~~residing outside the state of Washington who has made one or more~~  
12 ~~contributions in the aggregate of more than two thousand five hundred~~  
13 ~~fifty dollars to the out-of-state committee during the current~~  
14 ~~calendar year, together with the money value and date of the~~  
15 ~~contributions. Annually, the commission must modify the two thousand~~  
16 ~~five hundred fifty dollar limit in this subsection based on~~  
17 ~~percentage change in the implicit price deflator for personal~~  
18 ~~consumption expenditures for the United States as published for the~~  
19 ~~most recent twelve-month period by the bureau of economic analysis of~~  
20 ~~the federal department of commerce;~~

21       ~~(h) The name and address of each person in the state of~~  
22 ~~Washington to whom an expenditure was made by the out-of-state~~  
23 ~~committee with respect to a candidate or political committee in the~~  
24 ~~aggregate amount of more than fifty dollars, the amount, date, and~~  
25 ~~purpose of the expenditure, and the total sum of the expenditures;~~  
26 ~~and~~

27       ~~(i) Any other information as the commission may prescribe by rule~~  
28 ~~in keeping with the policies and purposes of this chapter.~~

29       ~~(2) Each statement shall be filed no later than the tenth day of~~  
30 ~~the month following any month in which a contribution or other~~  
31 ~~expenditure reportable under subsection (1) of this section is made.~~  
32 ~~An out-of-state committee incurring an obligation to file additional~~  
33 ~~statements in a calendar year may satisfy the obligation by timely~~  
34 ~~filing reports that supplement previously filed information)) outside~~  
35 ~~the state of Washington is subject to the same requirements under~~  
36 ~~this chapter as a political committee organized in the state of~~  
37 ~~Washington.~~

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