

CERTIFICATION OF ENROLLMENT

SENATE BILL 5855

67th Legislature
2022 Regular Session

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Yeas 45 Nays 4

President of the Senate

Passed by the House March 2, 2022
Yeas 95 Nays 1

**Speaker of the House of
Representatives**

Approved

Governor of the State of Washington

CERTIFICATE

I, Sarah Bannister, Secretary of the Senate of the State of Washington, do hereby certify that the attached is **SENATE BILL 5855** as passed by the Senate and the House of Representatives on the dates hereon set forth.

Secretary

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**Secretary of State
State of Washington**

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AS AMENDED BY THE HOUSE

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By Senators Lovelett, Nobles, C. Wilson, Billig, Das, Hasegawa, Hawkins, Hunt, Keiser, Kuderer, Nguyen, Randall, Saldaña, Stanford, and Trudeau

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1 AN ACT Relating to the use of campaign funds to reimburse
2 expenses for child care and other caregiving services; and amending
3 RCW 42.17A.445.

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

5 **Sec. 1.** RCW 42.17A.445 and 2010 c 204 s 608 are each amended to
6 read as follows:

7 Contributions received and reported in accordance with RCW
8 42.17A.220 through 42.17A.240 and 42.17A.425 may only be paid to a
9 candidate, or a treasurer or other individual or expended for such
10 individual's personal use under the following circumstances:

11 (1) Reimbursement for or payments to cover lost earnings incurred
12 as a result of campaigning or services performed for the political
13 committee. Lost earnings shall be verifiable as unpaid salary, or
14 when the individual is not salaried, as an amount not to exceed
15 income received by the individual for services rendered during an
16 appropriate, corresponding time period. All lost earnings incurred
17 shall be documented and a record shall be maintained by the candidate
18 or the candidate's authorized committee in accordance with RCW
19 42.17A.235.

20 (2) Reimbursement for direct out-of-pocket election campaign and
21 postelection campaign related expenses made by the individual. For

1 example, expenses for child care or other direct caregiving
2 responsibilities may be reimbursed if they are incurred directly as a
3 result of the candidate's campaign activities. To receive
4 reimbursement from the political committee, the individual shall
5 provide the political committee with written documentation as to the
6 amount, date, and description of each expense, and the political
7 committee shall include a copy of such information when its
8 expenditure for such reimbursement is reported pursuant to RCW
9 42.17A.240.

10 (3) Repayment of loans made by the individual to political
11 committees shall be reported pursuant to RCW 42.17A.240. However,
12 contributions may not be used to reimburse a candidate for loans
13 totaling more than four thousand seven hundred dollars made by the
14 candidate to the candidate's own authorized committee.

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