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By House State Government & Tribal Relations (originally sponsored by Representatives Walsh, Gregerson, and Pollet; by request of Public Disclosure Commission)

1 AN ACT Relating to improving transparency in campaign finance
2 disclosure; and amending RCW 42.17A.205, 42.17A.207, 42.17A.235,
3 42.17A.255, 42.17A.260, 42.17A.265, 42.17A.345, and 42.17A.785.

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

5 **Sec. 1.** RCW 42.17A.205 and 2019 c 428 s 14 are each amended to
6 read as follows:

7 (1) Every political committee shall file a statement of
8 organization with the commission. The statement must be filed within
9 two weeks after organization or within two weeks after the date the
10 committee first has the expectation of receiving contributions or
11 making expenditures in any election campaign, whichever is earlier. A
12 political committee organized within (~~the last three weeks~~) the
13 period beginning the first day of the last full month before an
14 election and having the expectation of receiving contributions or
15 making expenditures during and for that election campaign shall file
16 a statement of organization within three business days after its
17 organization or when it first has the expectation of receiving
18 contributions or making expenditures in the election campaign.

19 (2) The statement of organization shall include but not be
20 limited to:

1 (a) The name, address, and electronic contact information of the
2 committee;

3 (b) The names, addresses, and electronic contact information of
4 all related or affiliated committees or other persons, and the nature
5 of the relationship or affiliation;

6 (c) The names, addresses, and titles of its officers; or if it
7 has no officers, the names, addresses, and titles of its responsible
8 leaders;

9 (d) The name, address, and electronic contact information of its
10 treasurer and depository;

11 (e) A statement whether the committee is a continuing one;

12 (f) The name, office sought, and party affiliation of each
13 candidate whom the committee is supporting or opposing, and, if the
14 committee is supporting the entire ticket of any party, the name of
15 the party;

16 (g) The ballot proposition concerned, if any, and whether the
17 committee is in favor of or opposed to such proposition;

18 (h) What distribution of surplus funds will be made, in
19 accordance with RCW 42.17A.430, in the event of dissolution;

20 (i) Such other information as the commission may by rule
21 prescribe, in keeping with the policies and purposes of this chapter;

22 (j) The name, address, and title of any person who authorizes
23 expenditures or makes decisions on behalf of the candidate or
24 committee; and

25 (k) The name, address, and title of any person who is paid by or
26 is a volunteer for a candidate or political committee to perform
27 ministerial functions and who performs ministerial functions on
28 behalf of two or more candidates or committees.

29 (3) No two political committees may have the same name.

30 (4) Any material change in information previously submitted in a
31 statement of organization shall be reported to the commission within
32 the ten days following the change.

33 (5) As used in this section, the "name" of a sponsored committee
34 must include the name of the person who is the sponsor of the
35 committee. If more than one person meets the definition of sponsor,
36 the name of the committee must include the name of at least one
37 sponsor, but may include the names of other sponsors. A person may
38 sponsor only one political committee for the same elected office or
39 same ballot proposition per election cycle.

1 **Sec. 2.** RCW 42.17A.207 and 2019 c 428 s 15 are each amended to
2 read as follows:

3 (1)(a) An incidental committee must file a statement of
4 organization with the commission within two weeks after the date the
5 committee first:

6 (i) Has the expectation of making any expenditures aggregating at
7 least (~~(twenty-five thousand dollars)~~) \$25,000 in a calendar year in
8 any election campaign, or to a political committee; and

9 (ii) Is required to disclose a payment received under RCW
10 42.17A.240(2)(d).

11 (b) If an incidental committee first meets the criteria requiring
12 filing a statement of organization as specified in (a) of this
13 subsection (~~(in the last three weeks)~~) within the period beginning
14 the first day of the last full month before an election, then it must
15 file the statement of organization within three business days.

16 (2) The statement of organization must include but is not limited
17 to:

18 (a) The name, address, and electronic contact information of the
19 committee;

20 (b) The names and addresses of all related or affiliated
21 political or incidental committees or other persons, and the nature
22 of the relationship or affiliation;

23 (c) The names, addresses, and titles of its officers; or if it
24 has no officers, the names, addresses, and titles of its responsible
25 leaders and the name of the person designated as the treasurer of the
26 incidental committee;

27 (d) The name, office sought, and party affiliation of each
28 candidate whom the committee is supporting or opposing if the
29 committee contributes directly to a candidate and, if donating to a
30 political committee, the name and address of that political
31 committee;

32 (e) The ballot proposition concerned, if any, and whether the
33 committee is in favor of or opposed to such proposition; and

34 (f) Such other information as the commission may by rule
35 prescribe, in keeping with the policies and purposes of this chapter.

36 (3) Any material change in information previously submitted in a
37 statement of organization must be reported to the commission within
38 the ten days following the change.

1 **Sec. 3.** RCW 42.17A.235 and 2019 c 428 s 20 are each amended to
2 read as follows:

3 (1)(a) In addition to the information required under RCW
4 42.17A.205 and 42.17A.210, each candidate or political committee must
5 file with the commission a report of all contributions received and
6 expenditures made as a political committee on the next reporting date
7 pursuant to the timeline established in this section.

8 (b) In addition to the information required under RCW 42.17A.207
9 and 42.17A.210, on the day an incidental committee files a statement
10 of organization with the commission, each incidental committee must
11 file with the commission a report of any election campaign
12 expenditures under RCW 42.17A.240(~~((+6))~~) (7), as well as the source
13 of the (~~((ten))~~) 10 largest cumulative payments of (~~((ten-thousand~~
14 ~~dollars))~~) \$10,000 or greater it received in the current calendar year
15 from a single person, including any persons tied as the (~~((tenth))~~)
16 10th largest source of payments it received, if any.

17 (2) Each treasurer of a candidate or political committee, or an
18 incidental committee, required to file a statement of organization
19 under this chapter, shall file with the commission a report, for each
20 election in which a candidate, political committee, or incidental
21 committee is participating, containing the information required by
22 RCW 42.17A.240 at the following intervals:

23 (a) On the (~~((twenty-first day and the seventh))~~) 34th day, the
24 20th day, and the sixth day immediately preceding the date (~~((on~~
25 ~~which))~~) of the general election (~~((is held))~~); (~~((and))~~)

26 (b) On the 20th day and the sixth day immediately preceding the
27 date of the primary or special election; and

28 (c) On the (~~((tenth))~~) 10th day of the first full month after the
29 election.

30 (3)(a) Each treasurer of a candidate or political committee shall
31 file with the commission a report on the (~~((tenth))~~) 10th day of each
32 month during which the candidate or political committee is not
33 (~~((participating in an election campaign))~~) otherwise required to
34 report under subsection (2) of this section, only if the committee
35 has received a contribution or made an expenditure in the preceding
36 calendar month and either the total contributions received or total
37 expenditures made since the last such report exceed (~~((two-hundred~~
38 ~~dollars))~~) \$200.

39 (b) Each incidental committee shall file with the commission a
40 report on the (~~((tenth))~~) 10th day of each month during which the

1 incidental committee is not otherwise required to report under this
2 section only if the committee has:

3 (i) Received a payment that would change the information required
4 under RCW 42.17A.240(2)(d) as included in its last report; or

5 (ii) Made any election campaign expenditure reportable under RCW
6 42.17A.240(~~((6))~~) (7) since its last report, and the total election
7 campaign expenditures made since the last report exceed (~~((two hundred~~
8 ~~dollars))~~) \$200.

9 (4) The (~~((report))~~) reports filed (~~((twenty-one))~~) 34 days, 20 days,
10 and six days before the general election and 20 days and six days
11 before the primary or special election shall report all contributions
12 received and expenditures made (~~((as of))~~) from the closing date of the
13 last report filed through the end of (~~((one business day))~~) two
14 calendar days before the date of (~~((the report))~~) each filing. (~~((The~~
15 ~~report filed seven days before the election shall report all~~
16 ~~contributions received and expenditures made as of the end of one~~
17 ~~business day before the date of the report.))~~) Reports filed on the
18 (~~((tenth))~~) 10th day of the month shall report all contributions
19 received and expenditures made from the closing date of the last
20 report filed through the last day of the month preceding the date of
21 the current report.

22 (5) For the period beginning the first day of the fourth month
23 preceding the date of the special election, or for the period
24 beginning the first day of the fifth month before the date of the
25 general election, and ending on the date of that special or general
26 election, each Monday the treasurer for a candidate or a political
27 committee shall file with the commission a report of each bank
28 deposit made during the previous seven calendar days. The report
29 shall contain the name of each person contributing the funds and the
30 amount contributed by each person. However, persons who contribute no
31 more than (~~((twenty-five dollars))~~) \$25 in the aggregate are not
32 required to be identified in the report. A copy of the report shall
33 be retained by the treasurer for the treasurer's records. In the
34 event of deposits made by candidates, political committee members, or
35 paid staff other than the treasurer, the copy shall be immediately
36 provided to the treasurer for the treasurer's records. Each report
37 shall be certified as correct by the treasurer.

38 (6)(a) The treasurer for a candidate or a political committee
39 shall maintain books of account accurately reflecting all
40 contributions and expenditures on a current basis within five

1 business days of receipt or expenditure. During the (~~ten~~) 10
2 calendar days immediately preceding the date of the election the
3 books of account shall be kept current within one business day. As
4 specified in the political committee's statement of organization
5 filed under RCW 42.17A.205, the books of account must be open for
6 public inspection by appointment at a place agreed upon by both the
7 treasurer and the requestor, for inspections between 9:00 a.m. and
8 5:00 p.m. on any day from the (~~tenth~~) 10th calendar day immediately
9 before the election through the day immediately before the election,
10 other than Saturday, Sunday, or a legal holiday. It is a violation of
11 this chapter for a candidate or political committee to refuse to
12 allow and keep an appointment for an inspection to be conducted
13 during these authorized times and days. The appointment must be
14 allowed at an authorized time and day for such inspections that is
15 within (~~forty-eight~~) 48 hours of the time and day that is requested
16 for the inspection. The treasurer may provide digital access or
17 copies of the books of account in lieu of scheduling an appointment
18 at a designated place for inspection. If the treasurer and requestor
19 are unable to agree on a location and the treasurer has not provided
20 digital access to the books of account, the default location for an
21 appointment shall be a place of public accommodation selected by the
22 treasurer within a reasonable distance from the treasurer's office.

23 (b) At the time of making the appointment, a person wishing to
24 inspect the books of account must provide the treasurer the name and
25 telephone number of the person wishing to inspect the books of
26 account. The person inspecting the books of account must show photo
27 identification before the inspection begins.

28 (c) A treasurer may refuse to show the books of account to any
29 person who does not make an appointment or provide the required
30 identification. The commission may issue limited rules to modify the
31 requirements set forth in this section in consideration of other
32 technology and best practices.

33 (7) Copies of all reports filed pursuant to this section shall be
34 readily available for public inspection by appointment, pursuant to
35 subsection (6) of this section.

36 (8) The treasurer or candidate shall preserve books of account,
37 bills, receipts, and all other financial records of the campaign or
38 political committee for not less than five calendar years following
39 the year during which the transaction occurred or for any longer
40 period as otherwise required by law.

1 (9) All reports filed pursuant to subsection (1) or (2) of this
2 section shall be certified as correct by the candidate and the
3 treasurer.

4 (10) Where there is not a pending complaint concerning a report,
5 it is not evidence of a violation of this section to submit an
6 amended report within (~~twenty-one~~) 21 days of filing an initial
7 report if:

8 (a) The report is accurately amended;

9 (b) The amended report is filed more than (~~thirty~~) 30 days
10 before an election;

11 (c) The total aggregate dollar amount of the adjustment for the
12 amended report is within three times the contribution limit per
13 election or (~~two hundred dollars~~) \$200, whichever is greater; and

14 (d) The committee reported all information that was available to
15 it at the time of filing, or made a good faith effort to do so, or if
16 a refund of a contribution or expenditure is being reported.

17 (11)(a) When there is no outstanding debt or obligation, the
18 campaign fund is closed, the campaign is concluded in all respects,
19 and the political committee has ceased to function and intends to
20 dissolve, the treasurer shall file a final report. Upon submitting a
21 final report, the political committee so intending to dissolve must
22 file notice of intent to dissolve with the commission and the
23 commission must post the notice on its website.

24 (b) Any political committee may dissolve (~~sixty~~) 60 days after
25 it files its notice to dissolve, only if:

26 (i) The political committee does not make any expenditures other
27 than those related to the dissolution process or engage in any
28 political activity or any other activities that generate additional
29 reporting requirements under this chapter after filing such notice;

30 (ii) No complaint or court action under this chapter is pending
31 against the political committee; and

32 (iii) All penalties assessed by the commission or court order
33 have been paid by the political committee.

34 (c) The political committee must continue to report regularly as
35 required under this chapter until all the conditions under (b) of
36 this subsection are resolved.

37 (d) Upon dissolution, the commission must issue an acknowledgment
38 of dissolution, the duties of the treasurer shall cease, and there
39 shall be no further obligations under this chapter. Dissolution does
40 not absolve the candidate or board of the committee from

1 responsibility for any future obligations resulting from the finding
2 after dissolution of a violation committed prior to dissolution.

3 (12) The commission must adopt rules for the dissolution of
4 incidental committees.

5 **Sec. 4.** RCW 42.17A.255 and 2020 c 152 s 5 are each amended to
6 read as follows:

7 (1) For the purposes of this section the term "independent
8 expenditure" means any expenditure that is made in support of or in
9 opposition to any candidate or ballot proposition and is not
10 otherwise required to be reported pursuant to RCW 42.17A.225,
11 42.17A.235, and 42.17A.240. "Independent expenditure" does not
12 include: An internal political communication primarily limited to the
13 contributors to a political party organization or political action
14 committee, or the officers, management staff, and stockholders of a
15 corporation or similar enterprise, or the members of a labor
16 organization or other membership organization; or the rendering of
17 personal services of the sort commonly performed by volunteer
18 campaign workers, or incidental expenses personally incurred by
19 volunteer campaign workers not in excess of fifty dollars personally
20 paid for by the worker. "Volunteer services," for the purposes of
21 this section, means services or labor for which the individual is not
22 compensated by any person.

23 (2) Within five days after the date of making an independent
24 expenditure that by itself or when added to all other such
25 independent expenditures made during the same election campaign by
26 the same person equals (~~one hundred dollars~~) \$100 or more, or
27 within five days after the date of making an independent expenditure
28 for which no reasonable estimate of monetary value is practicable,
29 whichever occurs first, the person who made the independent
30 expenditure shall file with the commission an initial report of all
31 independent expenditures made during the campaign prior to and
32 including such date.

33 (3) (a) At the following intervals each person who is required to
34 file an initial report pursuant to subsection (2) of this section
35 shall file with the commission a further report of the independent
36 expenditures made since the date of the last report:

37 (~~(a)~~) (i) On the (~~twenty-first day and the seventh~~) 34th day,
38 the 20th day, and the sixth day preceding the date (~~on which~~) of
39 the general election (~~is held~~); (~~and~~

1 ~~(b))~~ (ii) On the 20th day and the sixth day immediately
2 preceding the date of the primary or special election;

3 (iii) On the ~~(tenth)~~ 10th day of the first month after the
4 election; and

5 ~~((e))~~ (iv) On the ~~(tenth)~~ 10th day of each month in which no
6 other reports are required to be filed pursuant to this section.
7 ~~(However, the)~~

8 (b)(i) The further reports required by this subsection (3) shall
9 only be filed if the reporting person has made an independent
10 expenditure since the date of the last previous report filed.

11 ~~((The report filed pursuant to (a) of this subsection (3))~~ (ii)
12 If no further reports are required to be filed, the last report
13 required to be filed shall be the final report, and upon submitting
14 such final report the duties of the reporting person shall cease, and
15 there shall be no obligation to make any further reports.

16 (4) All reports filed pursuant to this section shall be certified
17 as correct by the reporting person.

18 (5) Each report required by subsections (2) and (3) of this
19 section shall disclose for the period beginning at the end of the
20 period for the last previous report filed or, in the case of an
21 initial report, beginning at the time of the first independent
22 expenditure, and ending not more than ~~((one))~~ two business days
23 before the date the report is due:

24 (a) The name, address, and electronic contact information of the
25 person filing the report;

26 (b) The name and address of each person to whom an independent
27 expenditure was made in the aggregate amount of more than ~~((fifty~~
28 ~~dollars))~~ \$50, and the amount, date, and purpose of each such
29 expenditure. If no reasonable estimate of the monetary value of a
30 particular independent expenditure is practicable, it is sufficient
31 to report instead a precise description of services, property, or
32 rights furnished through the expenditure and where appropriate to
33 attach a copy of the item produced or distributed by the expenditure;

34 (c) The total sum of all independent expenditures made during the
35 campaign to date;

36 (d) A statement from the person making an independent expenditure
37 that:

38 (i) The expenditure is not financed in any part by a foreign
39 national; and

1 (ii) Foreign nationals are not involved in making decisions
2 regarding the expenditure in any way; and

3 (e) Such other information as shall be required by the commission
4 by rule in conformance with the policies and purposes of this
5 chapter.

6 **Sec. 5.** RCW 42.17A.260 and 2020 c 152 s 6 are each amended to
7 read as follows:

8 (1) The sponsor of political advertising shall file a special
9 report to the commission within (~~(twenty-four)~~) 24 hours of, or on
10 the first working day after, the date the political advertising is
11 first published, mailed, or otherwise presented to the public, if the
12 political advertising:

13 (a) Is published, mailed, or otherwise presented to the public
14 within (~~(twenty-one)~~) 21 days of an election; and

15 (b) Either:

16 (i) Qualifies as an independent expenditure with a fair market
17 value or actual cost of (~~(one thousand dollars)~~) \$1,000 or more, for
18 political advertising supporting or opposing a candidate; or

19 (ii) Has a fair market value or actual cost of (~~(one thousand~~
20 ~~dollars)~~) \$1,000 or more, for political advertising supporting or
21 opposing a ballot proposition, and is not otherwise required to be
22 reported pursuant to RCW 42.17A.225, 42.17A.235, or 42.17A.240,
23 supporting or opposing the same ballot proposition.

24 (2) If a sponsor is required to file a special report under this
25 section, the sponsor shall also deliver to the commission within the
26 delivery period established in subsection (1) of this section a
27 special report for (~~(each)~~):

28 (a) Each subsequent independent expenditure of any size
29 supporting or opposing the same candidate who was the subject of the
30 previous independent expenditure, supporting or opposing that
31 candidate's opponent (~~(, or, in the case of a)~~); or

32 (b) Each subsequent expenditure of any size made in support of or
33 in opposition to (~~(a)~~) the same ballot proposition that was the
34 subject of the previous expenditure, and is not otherwise required to
35 be reported pursuant to RCW 42.17A.225, 42.17A.235, or 42.17A.240 (~~(, or,~~
36 ~~supporting or opposing the same ballot proposition that was the~~
37 ~~subject of the previous expenditure)~~).

38 (3) The special report must include:

39 (a) The name and address of the person making the expenditure;

1 (b) The name and address of the person to whom the expenditure
2 was made;

3 (c) A detailed description of the expenditure;

4 (d) The date the expenditure was made and the date the political
5 advertising was first published or otherwise presented to the public;

6 (e) The amount of the expenditure;

7 (f) The name of the candidate supported or opposed by the
8 expenditure, the office being sought by the candidate, and whether
9 the expenditure supports or opposes the candidate; or the name of the
10 ballot proposition supported or opposed by the expenditure and
11 whether the expenditure supports or opposes the ballot proposition;

12 (g) A statement from the sponsor that:

13 (i) The political advertising is not financed in any part by a
14 foreign national; and

15 (ii) Foreign nationals are not involved in making decisions
16 regarding the political advertising in any way; and

17 (h) Any other information the commission may require by rule.

18 (4) All persons required to report under RCW 42.17A.225,
19 42.17A.235, 42.17A.240, 42.17A.255, and 42.17A.305 are subject to the
20 requirements of this section, except as otherwise provided in this
21 section. The commission may determine that reports filed pursuant to
22 this section also satisfy the requirements of RCW 42.17A.255.

23 (5) The sponsor of independent expenditures supporting a
24 candidate or opposing that candidate's opponent required to report
25 under this section shall file with each required report an affidavit
26 or declaration of the person responsible for making the independent
27 expenditure that the expenditure was not made in cooperation,
28 consultation, or concert with, or at the request or suggestion of,
29 the candidate, the candidate's authorized committee, or the
30 candidate's agent, or with the encouragement or approval of the
31 candidate, the candidate's authorized committee, or the candidate's
32 agent.

33 **Sec. 6.** RCW 42.17A.265 and 2020 c 152 s 7 are each amended to
34 read as follows:

35 (1) Treasurers shall prepare and deliver to the commission a
36 special report when a contribution or aggregate of contributions
37 totals (~~one thousand dollars or more~~) more than the contribution
38 limit to a candidate for state officer other than legislative office,
39 as provided in RCW 42.17A.405(2), is from a single person or entity,

1 and is received during (~~a special reporting period~~) the period from
2 the beginning of the last full month preceding an election in which
3 the treasurer's committee is participating, and concluding the day
4 before that election.

5 (2) A political committee shall prepare and deliver to the
6 commission a special report when it makes a contribution or an
7 aggregate of contributions to a single entity that totals (~~one~~
8 ~~thousand dollars or more during a special reporting period~~) more
9 than the contribution limit to a candidate for state office other
10 than legislative office, as provided in RCW 42.17A.405(2), during the
11 same special reporting period as set forth in subsection (1) of this
12 section.

13 (3) An aggregate of contributions includes only those
14 contributions made to or received from a single entity during any one
15 special reporting period. (~~Any~~) After a special report is filed as
16 provided under subsection (1) or (2) of this section, an additional
17 special report must be filed for any subsequent contribution of any
18 size made to or received from the same person or entity during the
19 special reporting period (~~must also be reported~~).

20 (4) (~~Special reporting periods, for purposes of this section,~~
21 ~~include:~~

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

25 ~~(b) The period twenty-one days preceding a general election; and~~

26 ~~(c) An aggregate of contributions includes only those~~
27 ~~contributions received from a single entity during any one special~~
28 ~~reporting period or made by the contributing political committee to a~~
29 ~~single entity during any one special reporting period.~~

30 ~~(5) If a campaign treasurer files a special report under this~~
31 ~~section for one or more contributions received from a single entity~~
32 ~~during a special reporting period, the treasurer shall also file a~~
33 ~~special report under this section for each subsequent contribution of~~
34 ~~any size which is received from that entity during the special~~
35 ~~reporting period. If a political committee files a special report~~
36 ~~under this section for a contribution or contributions made to a~~
37 ~~single entity during a special reporting period, the political~~
38 ~~committee shall also file a special report for each subsequent~~
39 ~~contribution of any size which is made to that entity during the~~
40 ~~special reporting period.~~

1 ~~(6)~~) Special reports required by this section shall be delivered
2 electronically, or in written form if an electronic alternative is
3 not available.

4 (a) The special report required of a contribution recipient under
5 subsection (1) of this section shall be delivered to the commission
6 within ~~((forty-eight))~~ 48 hours of the time, or on the first
7 ~~((working))~~ business day after:

8 (i) The qualifying contribution ~~((of one thousand dollars or
9 more))~~ is received by the candidate or treasurer; ~~((the))~~

10 (ii) The aggregate received by the candidate or treasurer first
11 equals ~~((one thousand dollars or more))~~ the qualifying amount; or
12 ~~((any))~~

13 (iii) Any subsequent contribution from the same source is
14 received by the candidate or treasurer.

15 (b) The special report required of a contributor under subsection
16 (2) of this section or RCW 42.17A.625 shall be delivered to the
17 commission, and the candidate or political committee to whom the
18 contribution or contributions are made, within ~~((twenty-four))~~ 24
19 hours of the time, or on the first ~~((working))~~ business day after:

20 (i) The qualifying contribution is made; ~~((the))~~

21 (ii) The aggregate of contributions made first equals ~~((one
22 thousand dollars or more))~~ the qualifying amount; or ~~((any))~~

23 (iii) Any subsequent contribution to the same person or entity is
24 made.

25 ~~((7))~~ (5) The special report shall include:

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

27 (b) The date or dates of receipt;

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

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

30 (e) A statement that the candidate or political committee has
31 received a certification from any partnership, association,
32 corporation, organization, or other combination of persons making a
33 contribution reportable under this section that:

34 (i) The contribution is not financed in any part by a foreign
35 national; and

36 (ii) Foreign nationals are not involved in making decisions
37 regarding the contribution in any way; and

38 (f) Any other information the commission may by rule require.

39 ~~((8))~~ (6) Contributions reported under this section shall also
40 be reported as required by other provisions of this chapter.

1 ~~((9))~~ (7) The commission shall prepare daily a summary of the
2 special reports made under this section and RCW 42.17A.625.

3 ~~((10))~~ (8) Contributions governed by this section include, but
4 are not limited to, contributions made or received indirectly through
5 a third party or entity whether the contributions are or are not
6 reported to the commission as earmarked contributions under RCW
7 42.17A.270.

8 **Sec. 7.** RCW 42.17A.345 and 2019 c 428 s 26 are each amended to
9 read as follows:

10 (1) Each commercial advertiser who has accepted or provided
11 political advertising or electioneering communications during the
12 election campaign shall maintain current books of account and related
13 materials as provided by rule that shall be open for public
14 inspection during normal business hours during the campaign and for a
15 period of no less than five years after the date of the applicable
16 election. The documents and books of account shall specify:

17 (a) The names and addresses of persons from whom it accepted
18 political advertising or electioneering communications;

19 (b) The exact nature and extent of the services rendered; and

20 (c) The total cost and the manner of payment for the services.

21 (2) At the request of the commission, each commercial advertiser
22 required to comply with subsection (1) of this section shall provide
23 to the commission copies of the information that must be maintained
24 and be open for public inspection pursuant to subsection (1) of this
25 section.

26 (3) Any person who purchases political advertising or
27 electioneering communications from a commercial advertiser must
28 disclose upon request from the commercial advertiser:

29 (a) That the purchase includes political advertising or
30 electioneering communications;

31 (b) The name of the sponsor, if different than the person making
32 the purchase; and

33 (c) Any other information the commercial advertiser is required
34 to maintain, as provided by this section or rule.

35 (4) Any failure to provide the required information in subsection
36 (3) of this section upon request is a violation under this chapter,
37 but such failure shall not relieve a commercial advertiser of any of
38 the requirements under this section.

1 **Sec. 8.** RCW 42.17A.785 and 2018 c 304 s 18 are each amended to
2 read as follows:

3 (1) The public disclosure transparency account is created in the
4 ((state treasury)) custody of the state treasurer. All receipts from
5 penalties collected pursuant to enforcement actions or settlements
6 under this chapter, including any fees or costs, must be deposited
7 into the account. ~~((Moneys in the account may be spent only after~~
8 ~~appropriation. Moneys in the account may be used only for the~~
9 ~~implementation of chapter 304, Laws of 2018 and duties under this~~
10 ~~chapter, and may not be used to supplant general fund appropriations~~
11 ~~to the commission.))~~

12 (2) Moneys in the account may be used only for the development
13 and implementation of projects designated by the commission for the
14 purpose of improving the usability, transparency, and accessibility
15 of systems and information regarding campaign financing, lobbying
16 activities, and the financial affairs of public officials and
17 candidates, consistent with the purposes of this chapter. The
18 commission shall approve and update the list of designated projects
19 and include a description, the purpose, and projected cost of each
20 project as part of the commission's regular review of its technology
21 and related business projects strategic priorities plan.

22 (3) Moneys in the account may not be used for ongoing operating
23 or enforcement expenses and are not intended to be and shall not be
24 used to supplant general fund appropriations to the commission.

25 (4) Only the commission may authorize expenditures from the
26 account. The account is not subject to appropriation.

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