

Overview of Edits to PDC Request Bill Draft

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- **Section 6:** PROPOSAL – *Requiring expedited (2-day) deposit of any contribution exceeding \$2000 within the last full month before, and up to, an election, in connection with new proposed reporting requirements for last minute contributions (LMC).*

NEW EDIT: Restoring current requirement that all contributions must be deposited within 5 days. This is in recognition of feedback explaining the difficulty in making deposits within two days.

- **Section 8:** PROPOSAL - *Requiring weekly reporting of expenditures (C-4 report) starting the last full month before an election.*

NEW EDIT: Giving committees an extra day (two days in total) to prepare the proposed weekly expenditure reports. The reporting period would end on Monday and reports would be due on Wednesday.

- **Section 10:** PROPOSAL – *Requiring weekly reporting of independent expenditure activity (C-6 report) starting the last full month before an election.*

NEW EDIT - Changing the reporting date from each Monday to each Wednesday, in order to align with the new committee expenditure (C-4) reporting schedule.

- **Section 12:** PROPOSAL – *Requiring LMC reports due the same day as deposit (within 2 days of receipt); raising the LMC reporting threshold to over \$2000; and extending the reporting period to start the first full month before an election.*

NEW EDIT: Restoring the current requirement to report LMC within 24 hours of receipt (not deposit). Since the expedited 2-day deposit period is considered unworkable by campaign treasurers, the receipt date provides the quickest reporting trigger. Furthermore, extending the reporting period to 30 days before the election would mitigate the “loophole” whereby an LMC is received outside the reporting window, but not reported until the next weekly contribution report. Since reporting starts 30 days before the election, the latest an LMC could be reported (if received on day 31) would be on a weekly contribution report outside of 21 days before the election, which increases the disclosure time before an election.

- **Section 17:** PROPOSAL – *Amending grassroots lobbying requirements to clarify the scope of qualifying activities; requiring weekly reports of activity during the legislative session; and requiring sponsor identification (and Top Five funding sources) on communications to the public.*

NEW EDIT: Clarifying the reporting of contributions to a grassroots lobbying campaign that funding from the general treasury of an organization is sufficient, and does not require the sources of the entire general treasury fund, unless the source includes a special solicitation of members or some other source. This is a similar standard used for reporting the funding sources for electioneering communications. See RCW 42.17A.305(1). Also includes specific rulemaking authority.

- **Section 22:** PROPOSAL – Provides an emergency clause for the bill to take effect on June 1, 2022.

NEW EDIT: Limits the emergency clause to the changes to the commercial advertiser law (section 13). The remainder of the bill would take effect on January 1, 2023, in order to avoid implementation during the election cycle.