

PERTINENT LEGISLATIVE ACTIONS TAKEN IN WASHINGTON STATE SINCE THE US SUPREME COURT DECISION IN CITIZENS UNITED V. FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION

This article documents legislation introduced in the Washington State Legislature since 2010 to address campaign finance reform, transparency and disclosure.

The League of Women Voters of the United States believes that the methods of financing political campaigns should ensure the public's right to know, combat corruption and undue influence, enable candidates to compete more equitably for public office and allow maximum citizen participation in the political process (1974, 1982). Both LWVUS and many state Leagues consistently support public financing of elections.¹

It is important to acknowledge that a considerable volume of legislation has been introduced in Washington State favor of disclosure, campaign spending limits, and lobbyist reporting requirements persistently over the years---especially since the passing of the Washington Public Disclosure Act in 1972 and the creation of the Public Disclosure Commission. Since 2010 and the Supreme Court of the United States (SCOTUS) decision in *Citizens United*, over 100 bills have been initiated in the Washington State legislature specifically addressing money in politics and public disclosure. Some elected officials consistently advocate for improved transparency in campaigns and campaign financing and for fairer, cleaner elections by sponsoring or cosponsoring legislation. However, very few bills make it out of committee and get passed.

The challenges of solving problems via legislation include the timidity of elected officials to sponsor or cosponsor bills, committee chairs disinclined to allow hearings, the lack of constituent awareness about what is going on in Olympia, and constituents failing to contact their representatives and senators to encourage them to act.

Do your elected officials support transparency, disclosure and reform?

To know if your elected officials support transparency, disclosure and reform, the devil is in the details of a bill's history: i.e., completed text, who sponsored it, what committee reviewed it, who facilitated or hindered it reaching the floor (majority or minority report), if it died in committee and who voted for/against it if it did reach the floor of the House or Senate (roll call). This is a good way to find out how your elected officials vote on issues that matter to you.

How to find more information about bills on the WA State Legislature website

Bills must have three readings in each chamber (Senate and House of Representatives) in order to pass the Legislation. Leadership determines which committees the bills will be referred, usually according to subject matter. Not all bills get scheduled for hearing, so many never get any further than committee. If a bill is introduced in the first year of a biennium (a legislative session is two years) and not passed, it is "*By resolution, reintroduced and retained in present status*", which indicates that the legislation will be automatically reintroduced in the next session in its chamber of origin and will retain the same bill

¹ "League of Women Voters Primer", *League of Women Voters*, http://www.lwvtoolkit.org/LWV_CU_Primer.pdf, viewed 05/23/16

number. In other words, these bills are not “dead” and could be passed out of committee for consideration by the entire legislature in the second year of the session. If a bill does not make it through the process by the end of the two-year cycle, it is “dead”.

1. If you are looking for a specific bill in the years 2011-2015 and know the bill number, go to the “Bill Information” page of the “Washington State Legislature” website.² Enter the number (do not insert “HB” or “SB” in front of the number). Be sure to choose the correct session (year) because the numbers are re-used in different sessions and may reference completely different subjects.
2. If you want to see all the bills introduced and/or passed on a specific subject in a particular session, click “Bills By Topic” on that same webpage.
3. For lists of bills from the biennium 2009-2010 or earlier, go to the “Topical Index” web page.³ On that webpage, enter the biennium in the box on the upper right side. Then you can choose to either enter the bill by number or peruse a category.
4. Voting records may be accessed by looking at the bill by number and then scrolling down the “History of the Bill” until you reach a committee vote or a floor vote. There are small links that looks like this: “(View Roll Calls), (View 1st Substitute)” OR (Majority Report)”. If you click on those links, you can determine who voted for and who voted against the bill in committee or on the floor.

How to express your opinion about a current bill during a current session.

At the top of the bill information page right after the bill number, there is a green rectangular box that says “Comment on this bill.” If you click that box, you can submit a comment, which will be emailed directly to your three district legislators and will be viewable by legislators in all districts. The best way to contact committee members who are not from your district is by phone or via USPS. Washington state representatives and senators usually will not accept or respond to email from citizens outside of their district. You can obtain committee member phone numbers by going to the specific committee’s webpage. Legislative committees work for all citizens of Washington, and your input does make a difference.

Contact Information for pertinent committees:

House State Government Committee:

<http://leg.wa.gov/House/Committees/SG/Pages/MembersStaff.aspx>

House Rules Committee: <http://leg.wa.gov/House/Committees/RUL/Pages/MembersStaff.aspx>

House Judiciary Committee: <http://leg.wa.gov/House/Committees/JUDI/Pages/MembersStaff.aspx>

Senate Rules Committee: <http://leg.wa.gov/Senate/Committees/RULE/Pages/MembersStaff.aspx>

Senate Government Operations & Security Committee:

<http://leg.wa.gov/Senate/Committees/GOS/Pages/MembersStaff.aspx>

Senate Law & Justice Committee:

<http://leg.wa.gov/Senate/Committees/LAW/Pages/MembersStaff.aspx>

² Washington State Legislature, <http://leg.wa.gov/>, viewed 04/18/16

³ “Topical Index” page off of the “Detailed Legislative Reports” page off of the “Washington State Legislature” website. <http://app.leg.wa.gov/dlr/topicalindex/>

Know how your elected officials voted.

It is important to know how YOUR elected officials vote on these important issues. Therefore, who sponsored a bill and who voted against it are noted in the table that follows. If an elected official's name is not listed as voting "nay", you may assume she/he voted "yea" or did not vote for some reason.

Appendix A identifies the more than 100 bills introduced between 2010 and 2015, with their status. Appendix B lists additional information on pertinent bills considered during the 2013-2014 and 2015-2016 session.

Here are some key points in understanding the bill material:

- Legislation requesting an amendment to the U.S. constitution is called a **Joint Memorial**. A Joint Memorial (SJM from the Senate or HJM in the House) is a message or petition addressed to the President and/or Congress of the United States, or the head of any other branch of federal government asking for consideration of some matter of concern to the state or region, or of universal interest.⁴
- The Public Disclosure Commission does not take positions on legislation unless it has the affirmative vote of a majority of the Commission members. The PDC staff occasionally requests bills that have full support of the Commission. Bills or proposals that are closely monitored regard the changing of ethics laws and reporting requirements. The PDC staff offers supportive testimony and technical assistance when required.

⁴ Glossary of Legislative Terms off of "Washington State Legislature" web site, <http://app.leg.wa.gov/billinfo/glossary.aspx>

Appendix A.

More Than 100 Bills Introduced Between 2010 And 2015, With Their Status.

Key:

No Action Taken = Referred to committee but no hearing.

Died in Committee = Public hearing held but bill did not pass from Committee.

Died in Rules Committee = Bill passed the original committee but never passed Rules Committee to move to floor action by full House or Senate.

PDC = Public Disclosure Commission

2009 – 2010 Session

Category	Bill Number	Name or Topic	Sponsors	Status
Campaign Fairness	HB 1286/ SB 5211 <i>- By request of the Public Disclosure Commission</i>	Prohibiting false and defamatory statements about candidates for public office;	Reps. Miloscia, Appleton, Armstrong, Hunt, Newhouse, White, Smith, Rolfe, Roberts, Nelson, Hinkle, and Ormsby Senators Sheldon, Roach, Fairley, McDermott, Parlette, Haugen, Shin and Benton.	Passed the House: 92-2. Representatives voting nay: Chandler and Pedersen (Anderson, Hunter, Wallace excused). Passed the Senate: 44-1. Senators voting nay: Kline, (Brown absent; Fairley, Jacobsen, Prentice excused). Signed by the Governor
Campaign Finance	SB 6177	Calling for public financing of elections	Senator Kastama	Died in committee
Campaign Finance	HB 1289	Prohibit campaign contributions to candidates for public lands commissioner	Reps. Nelson, Upthegrove, Chase, Hasegawa, Cody, Williams, Miloscia	Died in committee
Campaign Finance	SB 6285	Contribution limits for candidates for county office in a non-charter county	Senators Sheldon, McDermott	Died in committee
Campaign Finance	HB 2530	Time limit for accepting or soliciting campaign contributions	Reps. White, Hunt	Died in committee
Campaign Finance	SB 5990	Removing campaign contribution limitations prior to legislative sessions	Senators Benton, McDermott	Died in committee
Campaign Finance	SB 6344 <i>- Supported by LWVWA</i>	Expanding list of public offices requiring campaign contribution limits to include all charter county, non-charter county, city council, and mayoral offices	Senators Fairley, Prentice, Hargrove, Kauffman, Marr, McDermott	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Passed the Senate: 39-9. Senators voting nay: Becker, Brandland, Carrell, Delvin, Hewitt, Holmquist, Honeyford, King, Morton, Roach, Stevens. •Passed the House: 90-6. Representatives voting nay: Carlyle, Chandler, Hinkle, Kirby, McCune, Warnick. •Signed by the Governor
Campaign Fairness	HB 2994	Prohibiting public service announcements by elected officials during reelection campaigns	Reps. Appleton, Miloscia, Hunt, Darneille	Died in Committee

2009 – 2010 Session (cont.)

Category	Bill Number	Name or Topic	Sponsors	Status
Campaign Fairness	HB 2851	Mailing restrictions for local officials before and after election	Reps. White, Nelson	Died in Committee
Campaign Fairness	SB 5991	Identifying permissible use of public resources by office holders during campaigns	Sen. Benton	Died in Committee
Campaign Fairness	HB 1472	Modifying the time limit for state officials to solicit or accept contributions	Reps. Orcutt, Haigh, Armstrong	Died in Committee
Campaign Fairness	HB 1738/ SB 5912 -Supported by LWWVA	Providing public funding for supreme court campaigns (<i>a voluntary pilot project to provide an alternative source of financing for candidates for the Washington Supreme Court</i>)	Sens. Oemig, McDermott, Kline, Kastama, Pridemore, Kilmer, Jarrett, Kohl-Welles and Haugen; and Reps. Lias, Goodman, Appleton, Carlyle, Probst, Nelson, Hasegawa, Orwall, Rolfes, Dickerson, Hunt, Pettigrew, Cody, Darneille, White, Chase, Kenney, Dunshee, Ormsby, Miloscia, Moeller, Roberts, Simpson, Sells, Flannigan, Eddy, McCoy, Wood, Kagi, Wallace, Williams, and Green	Died in Committee in both House and Senate Senate committee members who voted "do not pass": Hewitt, Honeyford, Parlette, Schoesler, Brandland, Carrell, Pflug, Zarelli House committee members who voted "do not pass": Taylor, Alexander, Armstrong
Initiative & Referendum	HB 1787	Regarding political advertising sponsor identification	Rep. Kelley	Died in Committee
Public Disclosure	HB 2016	Revising campaign contribution and disclosure laws; requires full name of individual or entity making independent campaign communications expenditures; exempts an expenditure or contribution for independent expenditures or electioneering communications from contribution limits. Prohibits PSAs by state and municipal elected officials beginning Jan.1 of election year; <i>Etc.</i>	Reps. Flannigan, Appleton, Hurst, Miloscia, Hunt	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Passed the House: 63-35. Representatives voting nay: Alexander, Anderson, Angel, Armstrong, Bailey, Campbell, Chandler, Condotta, Crouse, Dammeier, DeBolt, Ericksen, Fagan, Haler, Hinkle, Hope, Johnson, Klippert, Kretz, Kristiansen, McCune, Nealey, Orcutt, Parker, Pearson, Priest, Roach, Rodne, Ross, Schmick, Shea, Short, Taylor, Walsh, Warnick • Passed the Senate: 32-16. Senators voting nay: Becker, Benton, Brandland, Carrell, Delvin, Hewitt, Holmquist, Honeyford, King, Morton, Parlette, Pflug, Roach, Sheldon, Stevens, Zarelli. • The Governor partially vetoed three sections as those sections were amended or repealed in SB 6243 Sections 309, relating to preserving campaign finance statements and reports, 412, relating to special reports of independent expenditures, and 415 relating to independent expenditure disclosure with county election officials

2009 – 2010 Session (cont.)

Category	Bill Number	Name or Topic	Sponsors	Status
Campaign Finance	HB 1029/ SB 5029 - Requested by PDC	Recodifying and making technical clarifications to campaign funding and disclosure laws.	Reps. Armstrong, Hunt, Chandler, Miloscia, Kelly, Upthegrove Sens. Oemig, Fairley, Roach, Swecker, McDermott	Died in House and Senate committees
Public Disclosure	HB 2878	Collecting fees to accommodate electronic filing and disclosure of campaign and lobbying reports, and personal financial affairs statements.	Reps. Moeller & Hunt	Died in Committee.
Public Disclosure	HB 1105	Regarding public disclosure of records relevant to a controversy to which an agency is a party.	Reps. Williams & Moeller	Died in Committee.
Public Disclosure	HB 2467/SB 6243 - Requested by PDC	Eliminating provisions for filings at locations other than the public disclosure commission	Rept. Hunt, Armstrong, Appleton, Alexander, Chase, Moeller and Senators Fairley; Sens. Oemig, Swecker, McDermott	Passed unanimously in Senate and 95-1 in the House (single NO vote was Sen. Ericksen); Gov. signed into law.
Lobbyist Filing	HB 1436	Instituting a one-time fee for the purpose of developing and implementing a system for reporting lobbying disclosure reports	Reps. Moeller & Hunt	Died in committee. Reps. Voting "do not pass" in committee: Armstrong and Alexander
Political Advertising	SB 5096	Requiring mailed political advertising to be filed with the Secretary of State to be archived	Sen. Jacobsen	Died in Committee.
Sole Source Contractor Filing	HB 2700	Disclosure of political contributions by persons awarded sole source state contracts:	Reps. Miloscia, Finn, Green, Hasegawa, Rolfes, Simpson, Kelley, Williams.	Died in Committee.
Money in Politics	SJM 8027	Amendment to the Constitution U.S. regarding the influence of money on elections and government policy	Sens. Jacobsen, Oemig, Franklin	Died in the Senate Government Operations & Elections Committee

2011 – 2012 Session

Category	Bill Number	Name or Topic	Sponsors	Status
Campaigning	SB 6529	Changing requirements for electioneering communications	Sen Pridemore	Died in Committee.
Bribery	HB 2559	Expanding bribery provisions to explicitly identify campaign contributions as a form of 'pecuniary benefit'	Reps. Morris, Kelley	Died in Committee.
Campaign Finances	SB 5537	Regarding time restrictions on soliciting or accepting campaign contributions	Sens. White, Prentice	Died in Committee. Senators voting "do not pass" in committee: Benton, Roach and Swecker

2011 – 2012 Session (cont.)

Category	Bill Number	Name or Topic	Sponsors	Status
Campaign Finance	HB 1732	Regarding campaign finance disclosure	Reps. Kelley, Frockt, Eddy, Billig, Kirby, Goodman, Hasegawa, Stanford, Seaquist, Green, Liias, Fitzgibbon, Blake, Dunshee, Rolfes, Miloscia, Finn, Sells, Kagi, Jacks, Ryu, Probst, Carlyle, Kenney, Appleton	Died in Committee. Reps. Voting "do not pass" in committee: Taylor, Overstreet, Alexander, Condotta
Campaign Finance	HB 1305	Regarding time restrictions on soliciting or accepting campaign contributions	Reps. Orcutt, Haigh, Rivers, Haller, Armstrong	Died in Committee.
Public Disclosure	SB 5021 -Supported by LWVWA	Enhancing election campaign disclosure requirements to promote greater transparency for the public	Senators Pridemore, Kline, Kohl-Wellers, Keiser, Prentice, Tom, Chase, White, Nelson, Haugen, McAuliffe	Passed in both House and Senate; Signed by Governor
Public Disclosure	HB 2285	Making technical corrections to campaign finance laws, adding powers to the Public Disclosure Commission	Reps. Hunt, Appleton	Passed unanimously in House; died in Senate committee.
Campaign Finance	HB 2136	Applying state campaign finance restrictions to elected federal officials campaigning for state office	Reps. Hinkle, Blake, Ross, Kretz, Haler	Died in Committee.
Free Speech	HB 1945	Affirming the constitutional free speech rights of judges and judicial candidates	Reps. McCune, Harris, Ahern	Died in Committee.
Campaign Finance Transparency	SB 6056	Concerning legal defense funds of candidates and public officials	Sens. Swecker, Pridemore, Shin	Passed 44-4 in Senate. Senators voting NO; Ericksen, Morton, Padden, Sheldon No action in House.
Unclassified	SB 5417	Allowing for the distribution of legislators' contact cards, newsletters, government guides, or similar printed materials produced with legislative resources in certain circumstances	Sens. Becker, Swecker, Benton, Stevens, Delvin, Honeyford, Sheldon, Hatfield, Hobbs, Shin, Roach, Kline	Passed unanimously in House; Died in Senate Committee.
Campaign Fairness	HB 2174	Regulating when incumbents may appear in public service announcements while campaigning for office	Reps. Finn, Ladenburg, Hunt	Died in Committee.
Initiative and Referendum	HB 2500	Reforms relating to contributions to ballot measure committees	Reps. Billig, Hunt, Appleton, Dickerson, Hasegawa, Reykdal, Liias, Ormsby, Sells, Fitzgibbon, Kagi, Miloscia, Santos	Died in Committee.

2011 – 2012 Session (cont.)

Category	Bill Number	Name or Topic	Sponsors	Status
Public Disclosure	HB 2499 -Supported by LWVWA	Expanding disclosure of political advertising to include advertising supporting or opposing ballot measures	Reps. Billig, Finn, Hunt, Appleton, Hasegawa, Reykdal, Lias, Ormsby, Sells, Jinkins, Fitzgibbon, Kagi, Miloscia, Kelley, Hudgins, Roberts and Pollet	Passed the House; Passed the Senate; Signed by Governor. <u>Representatives voting nay:</u> Ahern, Alexander, Buys, Chandler, Crouse, Dahlquist, Dammeier, DeBolt, Fagan, Haler, Hinkle, Klippert, Kretz, Kristiansen, McCune, Nealey, Overstreet, Pearson, Rivers, Schmick, Shea, Short, Taylor, Walsh, Warnick, Wilcox (Condotta, Hope, Rodne, Stanford excused). <u>Senators voting nay:</u> Becker, Carrell, Delvin, Ericksen, Fraser, Holmquist Newbry, Honeyford, King, McAuliffe, Morton, Padden, Parlette, Pflug, Stevens (Roach excused).
Campaign Finance	HB 1048	Making technical corrections needed as a result of the recodification of campaign finance provisions.	Rep. Hunt	Passed unanimously by House and Senate; signed by Governor
State Agency Lobbying	HB 2112/ SB 5963	Regarding state agency lobbying activities	Reps. Shea, Taylor, Overstreet, Condotta, Kristiansen, Warnick, McCune, Orcutt, Short and Senators Baxter, Stevens, Morton, Chase, Shin; Sens. Baxter, Stevens, Morton, Chase, Shin	No action in House or Senate.
Public Disclosure	HB 1038/ SB 6089 -Requested by PDC	Requiring sponsor identification on certain telephone campaign advertising	Reps. Appleton, Armstrong, Blake, Frockt, Finn, Roberts, Dickerson, Hurst, Moeller; Sens. Pridemore, Swecker, Keiser, Ranker, Conway, Kline, Prentice, Shin, Rolfes, Parlette, Zarelli, Eide, Schoesler, Kastama, Roach, Kohl-Welles, Benton, Sheldon	Died in House Rules Committee; Died in Senate Committee.
Public Disclosure	HB 2525	Requiring public disclosure of public sector unions' finances	Reps. Taylor, Shea, Chandler, Hargrove, Condotta	No action taken.
Public Disclosure	HB 2402	Transferring ethics enforcement responsibility (eliminating the Legislative Ethics Board and the Executive Ethics Board and transferring duties to the Public Disclosure Commission)	Reps. Hudgins, Hunt, Ormsby	Passed House Committee on State Government & Tribal Affairs Died in House Committee on General Government Appropriations & Oversight Committee. Representatives (committee members) voting do not pass: Taylor, Condotta, Miloscia, Alexander, and Overstreet.
Public Disclosure	HB 2028	Transferring executive ethics responsibilities to the public disclosure and ethics commission	Reps. Hudgins, Hunt, Appleton, Reykdal, McCoy, Darneille	Passed House Committee on State Government & Tribal Affairs; died in Ways & Means Committee. Representatives (committee members) voting do not pass: Taylor, Condotta, Miloscia, Alexander, and Overstreet.

2011 – 2012 Session (cont.)

Category	Bill Number	Name or Topic	Sponsors	Status
Public Disclosure	HB 1474	Providing for electronic filing and disclosure of campaign finance reports	Rep. Moeller	Replaced with Substitute: Requiring fees to accommodate electronic filing and disclosure of campaign finance reports; Died in Committee. Representatives (committee members) voting do not pass in 2011: Taylor, Alexander, and Overstreet. <u>Representatives (committee members) voting do not pass</u> in 2012: Taylor, Overstreet, Alexander and Condotta.
Campaign Finance	SB 5010 -Supported by LWVWA	Establishing a public funding program for supreme court campaigns	Sens. White, Kline, Kohl-Welles, Keiser, Tom, Murray, Chase, Nelson, Haugen	Died in Committee.
Campaign Finance	HB 1898	Establishing a public funding program for supreme court campaigns; similar to SB 5010 with some differences, including requirement for voter referendum.	Reps. Lias, Miloscia, Goodman, Billig, Hunt, Moscoso, Hasegawa, Pettigrew, Stanford, Frockt, Fitzgibbon, Ryu, Kagi, Carlyle, Darneille, Moeller, McCoy, Roberts, Dickerson, Orwall, Dunshee, Eddy, Reykdal, Kenney, Ormsby, Green, Cody, Rolfes, Sells, Jinkins;	No action taken.
Public Disclosure	SB 5655	Providing criminal penalties for false statements in voters' pamphlets	Sens. Roach, Harper	Died in Rules Committee.

2013 – 2014 Session

Category	Bill Number	Name or Topic	Sponsors	Status
Public Disclosure	SB 6371 -Opposed by LWVWA	Removing the requirement that candidates and authorized political committees must file contribution and expenditure reports electronically.	Sen. Roach	Died in Committee.
Campaign Finance	SB 5748	Extending contribution limits to candidates for public hospital district boards of commissioners	Sen. Roach	Passed the Senate: 47-1. Senator voting nay: Padden. Passed the House: 82-15. Representatives voting nay: Bergquist, Chandler, Condotta, Crouse, Goodman, Jinkins, Maxwell, Morrell, Overstreet, Pike, Roberts, Scott, Shea, Taylor, and Van De Wege. Signed into law by Governor.
Public Disclosure	SB 6098 -Supported by LWVWA	Increasing transparency of campaign contributions	Sens. Billig, Roach, Hasegawa, Benton, Rolfes, Kohl-Welles, Frockt, Fraser	Died in Rules Committee.
Campaign Finance	SB 5988	Restricting the solicitation and acceptance of campaign contributions	Sens. Fain, Hill, Litzow, Becker, Hewitt, Tom, King, Dammeier, Braun, Rivers, Bailey, Schoesler, Brown, Honeyford, O'Ban	Died in Rules Committee.

2013 – 2014 Session (cont.)

Category	Bill Number	Name or Topic	Sponsors	Status
Campaign Finance	HB 1385	Modifying the time limit for state officials to solicit or accept contributions	Reps. Orcutt, Haigh, Haler	No action taken.
Campaign Finance	SB 6097 -Opposed by LWVWA	Facilitating and regulating contributions via text message to political campaigns	Sens. Billig, Hasegawa, Kline	Died in Committee.
Campaign Finance	SB 6166 -Supported by LWVWA	Concerning the use of credit cards for campaign expenditures	Sens. Roach, Hasegawa, Chase	Died in Committee.
Campaign Finance	HB 2222	Providing that legal services provided by a licensed attorney are not regulated campaign contributions or expenditures	Reps. Manweller, Bergquist, Freeman	Died in Committee.
Public Disclosure	SB 5019	Concerning the use of public resources by office holders during campaigns	Sen. Benton	Died in Rules Committee. <u>Committee members voting do not pass:</u> Senators Conway, Fraser and Hasegawa
Campaign Finance	HB 2525 -Supported by LWVWA	Providing public funding for supreme court campaigns	Reps. Carlyle, S. Hunt, Orwall, Farrell, Kagi, Roberts, Bergquist, Goodman, Freeman, Walkinshaw, Gregerson	Died in Committee.
Public Disclosure	HB 2764	Enacting recommendations of the sunshine committee	Rep. Springer	No action taken.
Public Disclosure	SB 6323	Changing public disclosure commission membership provisions	Sens. Brown, Dammeier, Honeyford, Braun, Tom, Padden, Angel, Bailey, Becker, Hill, Roach	No action taken.
Public Disclosure	HB 1005 -Supported by LWVWA	Concerning responsibilities and funding of the public disclosure commission; Substitute: Requires certain agencies, lobbyists, and lobbyists' employers to file reports required by the fair campaign practices act electronically over the internet as provided by the public disclosure commission	Reps. Moeller, Wylie, Reykdal, Appleton, Ryu, Morrell, McCoy, Seaquist, Moscoso, Hudgins, Ormsby, Pollet	Substitute Bill passed House; Senate referred Substitute back to House Rules Committee. Died in House Rules Committee.
Public Disclosure	SB 6414 -Supported by LWVWA	Improving lobbyist reporting and disclosure	Sens. Fain, Tom, Eide, Hill, Angel, Braun, Becker, Litzow, Bailey, Brown, Schoesler, Rolfes	No action taken.

2013 – 2014 Session (cont.)

Category	Bill Number	Name or Topic	Sponsors	Status
Public Disclosure	HB 1377/ SB 5257 -Requested by PDC	Companion bills modifying time frames applicable to certain public disclosure commission requirements;	Reps. Bergquist, Buys, S. Hunt, Fitzgibbon, Van De Wege, Carlyle; Sens. Roach, Benton, Rivers, Conway, Fraser	HB 1377 died in House Rules Committee. SB 5257 passed in Senate; SB 5257, passed the Senate 45-4 in 2013. Senators voting nay: Chase, Frockt, Hasegawa, Nelson; House returned bill to Senate Rules Committee, and it died in Senate Rules Committee.
Public Disclosure	SB 6165	Concerning accountability in caucus political committee accounts	Sens. Hasegawa, Roach, Keiser	Died in Rules Committee.
Public Disclosure	HB 1093	Regarding state agency lobbying activities (personal liability of state employees who violate the lobbying regulations)	Reps. Shea, Overstreet, Taylor	Passed the House; Passed the Senate; Governor signed into law. Senators voting nay: Chase, Cleveland, Darneille, Fraser, Frockt, Hargrove, Kohl-Welles, and Murray
Public Disclosure	HB 2727	Concerning reporting by lobbyists and lobbyists' employers	Reps. S. Hunt, Roberts, Ormsby, Gregerson	No action taken.
Public Disclosure	HB 2768	Concerning reporting by lobbyists and lobbyists' employers	Reps. S. Hunt, Manweller, Haler, Pollet	No action taken.
Public Disclosure	HB 1378/ SB 5258 -Requested by PDC	Companion bills aggregating the cost of related ballot measure advertisements for purposes of top five sponsor identification requirements.	Reps. S. Hunt, Buys, Bergquist, Fitzgibbon, Van De Wege, Ormsby; Sens. Benton, Roach, Hasegawa, Conway, Billig, Rivers, Fraser	SB 5258 passed the Senate; Passed the House; Signed by Governor. Representatives voting nay: Alexander, Condotta, Crouse, Fagan, Freeman, Haler, Hargrove, Harris, Hayes, Klippert, Kristiansen, Magendanz, Manweller, Nealey, Overstreet, Parker, Pike, Scott, Shea, Smith, Taylor, Vick, Walsh, Warnick, Wilcox
Public Disclosure	HB 1720/ SB 5507 -Supported by LWWVA	Companion bills increasing transparency of donors to candidates and ballot measures	Reps. Moeller, Ryu, Jinkins, Fitzgibbon, Roberts, Pollet, Fey, Moscoso, Ormsby; Sens. Billig, Benton, Rolfes, Rivers, Hatfield, Harper, Ranker, Hasegawa, Frockt, Schlicher, Smith, Fraser, Sheldon, Roach, Kohl-Welles, Keiser, Shin, Murray, McAuliffe, Kline, Conway	Passed the Senate; Passed the House; Signed by Governor.
US Constitutional Amendment	HJM 4001, SJM 8002	Requesting an amendment to the United States Constitution to return the authority to regulate election campaign contributions to congress and state legislatures	Reps. Pedersen, Hope, Carlyle, Goodman, Kagi, Sells, Van De Wege, Haigh, Springer, Lytton, Tharinger, Jinkins, S. Hunt, Cody, Morrell, Ormsby, Hudgins, Pettigrew, Moeller, Upthegrove, Reykdal, Fitzgibbon, Ryu, Lias, Roberts, Maxwell, Sawyer, Riccelli, Farrell, Pollet, Moscoso, Santos, Hansen; Sens. Kline, Kohl-Welles, Billig, Rolfes, Nelson, Harper, Darneille, McAuliffe, Hargrove, Frockt	HJM 4001 passed the House; died in Senate Rules Committee. SJM 8002 died in Committee.

2015 – 2016 Session

NOTE: 2016 session is in progress so information is only valid through 2015

Category	Bill Number	Name or Topic	Sponsors	Status
Public Disclosure	HB 1819	Concerning appointments to inspect the books of account of a political committee or a candidate committee	Reps. Wilson, Griffey, Dent, Van Werven, Caldier, Pike, Shea, Vick, Harmsworth, Condotta	Passed the House; Passed the Senate; Signed by Governor. Representatives voting nay: Appleton, Dunshee, Farrell, Fey, Fitzgibbon, Gregerson, Hudgins, Hurst, Jinkins, Lytton, Moeller, Morris, Ormsby, Ortiz-Self, Orwall, Pettigrew, Pollet, Riccelli, Robinson, Ryu, Santos, Sawyer, Sells, Senn, Springer, Stanford, Tarleton, Tharinger, Van De Wege, Walkinshaw
Campaign Finance	SB 5738	Creating equality in contribution limits for state-level, county-level, and district-level party political committees	Sen. Chase	Died in Committee. May be reconsidered in 2016.
Public Disclosure	SB 5153 -Supported by LWVWA	Increasing transparency of campaign contributions	Sens. Billig, Roach, Sheldon, Fain, Lias, Mullet, Fraser, Dandel, McCoy, Rolfe, Cleveland, Darneille, Habib, Padden, Nelson, Benton, Chase, Keiser, Jayapal, Hasegawa, Frockt	Passed Senate; Passed House; In concurrence process at Senate Rules Committee as of 2/16. Representatives voting nay: Buys, Caldier, Chandler, Condotta, DeBolt, Dent, Fagan, Harmsworth, Harris, Holy, G. Hunt, Johnson, Klippert, Kretz, Kristiansen, MacEwen, Manweiler, McCaslin, Nealey, Parker, Pike, Schmick, Scott, Shea, Short, Taylor, Van Werven, Vick, Walsh, Wilcox, Wilson, Young
Campaign Finance	SB 5528 -Supported by LWVWA	Concerning contributions from political committees to other political committees	Sens. Billig, Fain, Lias, Roach, Darneille, Mullet, McAuliffe, Hasegawa	Remains in committee as of end of 2015 session.
Public Disclosure	HB 1175 -Supported by LWVWA	Creating a penalty for concealing the source of a campaign contribution	Reps. Van De Wege, S. Hunt, Pettigrew, Moeller, Tharinger, Bergquist, Fitzgibbon, Tarleton, Gregerson, Ormsby, Ryu, Stanford, Walkinshaw, Farrell	Remains in Rules Committee as of end of 2015 session.
Campaign Finance	SB 5483 -Supported by LWVWA	Concerning fund sharing between political committees	Sens. Roach, Billig, Hasegawa	Remains in Rules Committee as of end of 2015 session.
Public Disclosure	SB 5409 -Supported by LWVWA	Concerning the use of credit cards for campaign expenditures.	Sens. Roach, Rivers, Angel, Benton	Remains in Rules Committee as of end of 2015 session.
Campaign Finance	HB 2250	Concerning the solicitation or acceptance of political contributions when a special legislative session is announced	Reps. Stokesbary, Magendanz, Hargrove	No action taken.

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Public Disclosure	HB 2256	Enacting the elimination of undisclosed campaign contributions act	Reps. Bergquist, S. Hunt	Remains in committee as of end of 2015 session.
US Constitutional Amendment	HJM 4004/ SJM 8002	Calling on Congress to exercise its authority under Article V of the United States Constitution to regulate money spent on elections.	Reps. Wylie, Tarleton, Lytton, S. Hunt, Van De Wege, Kirby, Sawyer, Riccelli, Robinson, Moscoso, Hurst, Jinkins, Farrell, Walkinshaw, Gregerson, Cody, Sells, Peterson, Takko, Appleton, Goodman, Kilduff, Moeller, Carlyle, Morris, Tharinger, Fitzgibbon, Bergquist, Stanford, Dunshee, Pollet, Fey, Reykdal, Ormsby; Sens. Hasegawa, Pedersen, Chase, Rolfes, Kohl-Welles, Keiser, Darneille, Cleveland, Billig, Mullet, Frockt, Jayapal, Conway	Remains in House Rules Committee as of end of 2015 session. No action by Senate.
US Constitutional Amendment	SJM 8011	Requesting an amendment to the United States Constitution that eliminates the undue influence of money on elections and government policy	Sens. Lias, Billig, Hargrove, Kohl-Welles, Frockt, Chase, McAuliffe, Darneille, Conway, Fraser, Jayapal	No action in Senate.
US Constitutional Amendment	HJM 4000	Asking congress to call a limited convention, authorized under Article V of the United States Constitution, for the purpose of proposing a free and fair elections amendment to that Constitution	Reps. Reykdal, Orwall, Stanford, Riccelli, Ormsby, Farrell, Pollet	In House Rules Committee as of 2/11/16.
Public Disclosure	HB 1463/ SB 5375 -Supported by LWVWA	Companion bills requiring disclosure by entities that compensate for petition signatures	Reps. Reykdal, Van De Wege, Ormsby, S. Hunt, Jinkins, Tarleton, Farrell; Sens. Lias, Warnick, Billig	Both bills remain in Committee as of end of 2015 session.
Campaign Fairness	HB 1858	Prohibiting the names of county auditors and the secretary of state from being included on ballot envelopes and in voters' pamphlets when running for reelection.	Reps. Shea, S. Hunt, Taylor, G. Hunt, Reykdal, Condotta, Tharinger, McCaslin	Passed the House twice; in Senate awaiting concurrence as of 2/11/16; scheduled for public hearing in Senate committee on 2/18/16.
Campaign Misc.	HB 1051	Authorizing elections for the office of justice of the supreme court as partisan elections	Reps. DeBolt, Dunshee, Condotta, Orcutt, Taylor, Harris, Schmick, Manweller, G. Hunt, Kochmar, Buys, Young, Holy, Haler, Vick, Shea, Riccelli, Pike, Gregerson, Wilson	No action in House.

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	HB 1377	Prohibiting county auditors from including their names on ballot envelopes and voting materials when running for reelection	Reps. Shea, Holy, Reykdal, Condotta, Van De Wege, McCaslin	No action in House.
Public Disclosure	SB 6108	Requiring state wide elected officials and candidates to disclose knowledge of criminal investigations	Sens. O'Ban, Padden	No action in Senate.
Public Disclosure	HB 1397/ SB 5308 -Supported by LWVWA -Requested by PDC	Concerning personal financial affairs statement reporting requirements for elected and appointed officials, candidates, and appointees	Reps. Holy, Bergquist, Appleton, Van Werven, McBride; Sens. Roach, Lias, Dansel, McCoy, Pearson, Benton	HB 1397 passed House; currently in Senate Rules Committee. Representatives voting nay: Buys, Calder, Condotta, DeBolt, Dent, Griffey, Harmsworth, Hayes, G. Hunt, Klippert, Kretz, McCabe, McCaslin, Muri, Schmick, Scott, Shea, Short, Taylor, Vick.
Public Disclosure	SB 5309 -Requested by PDC -Supported by LWVWA	Improving efficiency of public disclosure commission operations and requirements	Sens. Roach, Lias, Dansel, McCoy, Pearson, Keiser, Benton	In Senate Rules Committee as of 2/11/16.
Public Disclosure	HB 1058	Requiring lobbying reports to be filed electronically	Reps. Moeller, S. Hunt, Cody, Hudgins, Ormsby	Remains in Committee.
Public Disclosure	HB 1085 -Supported by LWVWA	Requiring lobbying reports to be filed electronically	Reps. Moeller, Gregerson, S. Hunt, Cody, Hudgins, Pollet	Substitute bill passed House; Died in Senate Rules Committee on 1/28/16. Representatives voting nay: Buys, Dent, Hargrove, G. Hunt, Klippert, Kretz, McCaslin, Schmick, Scott, Shea, Short, Taylor, Vick
Public Disclosure	SB 5867 -Supported by LWVWA	Enhancing public disclosure of lobbying and campaign activity	Sens. Lias, Miloscia, Billig, McCoy, McAuliffe, Hasegawa	Remains in Committee.
Public Disclosure	HB 1083 -Supported by LWVWA	Concerning the acceptance of gifts by state officers and employees	Rep. Hurst	No action as of 2/11/16.
Public Disclosure	HB 1914/ SB 5386 -Requested by the Legislative Ethics Board -Supported by LWVWA	Companion bills addressing the reporting of gifts in the form of food and beverage to state officers and state employees	Reps. Orwall, Hansen, Ormsby; Sens. Pedersen, Miloscia, Rivers, Cleveland, Litzow	Both bills remain in Committee in their respective houses.
Public Disclosure	SB 5383 -Supported by LWVWA	Addressing gifts of food and beverage to state officers and state employees	Sens. Hatfield, Becker, McAuliffe	Remains in Committee.

Appendix B.
Additional information on pertinent bills considered during the
2013-2014 and 2015-2016 sessions

SB 6097⁵ (2013-14) Facilitating and regulating contributions via text message to political campaigns:

The League did not endorse this SB 6097 because though the bill had many positive points, transparency was lost when exemptions were made for text donations, and those donations were not added to the contributor's aggregate total.

SB 6414⁶ (2013-14) Improving lobbyist reporting and disclosure: In an excerpt from "*Olympia lobbyists pamper lawmakers with free meals in Olympia*", in The Oregonian, on May 29, 2013, the Associated Press reported on SB 6414, the bill calling for improving lobbyist reporting and disclosure:

*"Lawmakers have ensured that their lobbyist meetings are nearly impossible to track. Unlike campaign contributions that are reported in electronic format and placed into sortable databases, the state's registered lobbyists submit their expenditure information on paper documents that are rife with errors, omissions, perplexing cross-references, missing sections and illegible pages. In order to find out who is wining-and-dining representatives, a member of the public would have to review tens of thousands of pages of those problematic records to identify the times that lobbyists reported having meals with public officials."*⁷

SB 5507⁸ (2013-14) Increasing transparency of donors to candidates and ballot measures: Excerpt from bill "*Increasing Transparency of Donors to Candidates and Ballot Measures.*", which passed unanimously in the House and Senate:

*"The voters' pamphlet published or distributed under RCW 29A.32.010 must contain: (4) Contact information for the public disclosure commission established under RCW 42.17A.100, including the following statement: 'For a list of the people and organizations that donated to state and local candidates and ballot measure campaigns, visit www.pdc.wa.gov.' The statement must be placed in a prominent position, such as on the cover or on the first two pages of the voters' pamphlet. The secretary of state may substitute such language as is necessary for accuracy and clarity and consistent with the intent of this section."*⁹

⁵ SB6097 Facilitating and regulating contributions via text message to political campaigns., <http://apps.leg.wa.gov/billinfo/summary.aspx?bill=6097&year=2013>, viewed 04/24/16

⁶ SB6414 Improving lobbyist reporting and disclosure, <http://apps.leg.wa.gov/billinfo/summary.aspx?bill=6414&year=2013>, viewed 04/24/16

⁷ "Lobbyists pamper Washington state lawmakers with free meals in Olympia", *The Associated Press*, May 29, 2013, http://www.oregonlive.com/politics/index.ssf/2013/05/lobbyists_pamper_washington_st.html, viewed 04/24/16

⁸ SB 5507 Increasing transparency of donors to candidates and ballot measures., <http://lawfilesex.leg.wa.gov/biennium/2013-14/Pdf/Bills/Senate%20Passed%20Legislature/5507-S.PL.pdf>, viewed 04/24/16

⁹ SB 5507 Increasing transparency of donors to candidates and ballot measures., <http://lawfilesex.leg.wa.gov/biennium/2013-14/Pdf/Bills/Senate%20Passed%20Legislature/5507-S.PL.pdf>, viewed 04/24/16

SB 5153¹⁰ ((2015-16) Increasing transparency of campaign contributions: An editorial from the Seattle Times dated April 27, 2015, titled *“Legislature needs to pass bill to shine light on dark money; The GOP-led state Senate should reverse a bad decision to kill a ‘dark money’ campaign finance bill”* stated:

“Last week, however, the Senate’s GOP leadership tied up the bill on a procedural motion. The bill’s prime sponsor, state Sen. Andy Billig, D-Spokane, indignantly tried to rally support on the Senate floor, saying: “A yes vote is a vote for transparency. A no vote is a vote in favor of more dark money in politics.” It died on a party-line vote, with Republicans voting no. State Sen. Mark Schoesler, the Republican majority leader, later offered a variety of reasons. He cited technical concerns by the Public Disclosure Commission; but those had already been addressed. Schoesler cited the threat of a partial veto by Gov. Jay Inslee that would benefit labor unions that support Democrats; the bill, however, was written to avoid such crassly political hijinks. Schoesler also cited the need to prioritize the Senate’s precious time for education and budget matters. Yet just moments before ESB 5153 was killed, the Senate spent 10 minutes honoring the Federal Way High School basketball team. The most plausible reason for the death of the Dark Money Elimination Act is that some business groups, which traditionally support Republicans, objected. Groups on the political left had also raised concerns, but those were not sufficient to kill the bill.”¹¹

The Spokane Review addressed SB 5153 on January 15, 2015, in the Opinion Editorial: *“Shine a Light on Dark Money in Politics”*:

“In 2010, the justices turned campaign finance upside down with its Citizens United decision, which expanded First Amendment protections for contributors who no longer have to disclose who they are. Ever since, “dark money” contributions have been on the rise: a total of \$216 million in the recent midterm election. Congress needs to fix tax-code loopholes that encourage secrecy, and pass greater disclosure requirements. In the meantime, the Legislature can do its part by passing SB 5153, which would force disclosure when campaign-related spending exceeds \$25,000 in statewide races or \$5,000 in local contests. This would expose groups trying to influence elections from the shadows, without discouraging the activity of small nonprofits formed as legitimate social welfare organizations. The Public Records Act and the Public Disclosure Commission are products of a 1972 ballot measure. Voters have made it very clear they support transparency and accountability.”¹²

¹⁰ SB 5153 Increasing transparency of campaign contributions, <http://app.leg.wa.gov/billinfo/summary.aspx?bill=5153&year=2015>, viewed 04/24/16

¹¹ “Legislature needs to pass bill to shine light on dark money”, *The Seattle Times*, April 27, 2015, <http://www.seattletimes.com/opinion/editorials/legislature-needs-to-pass-bill-to-shine-light-on-dark-money/>, viewed 04/24/16

¹² “Editorial: Shine a light on dark money in politics”, *The Spokesman – Review*, Jan. 15, 2015, <http://www.spokesman.com/stories/2015/jan/15/editorial-shine-a-light-on-dark-money-in-politics/>, viewed 04/24/16