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Sent: Tuesday, May 19, 2020 11:52 AM
To: Sean Flynn
Subject: [TICKET Assigned to Sean] - Re: PDC seeks comment on emergency rules regarding foreign national ownership

This ticket has been assigned to Sean Flynn

Re: PDC seeks comment on emergency rules regarding foreign national ownership

PDC-

I've read through SSB 6152 and the proposed Emergency Rules, and I have a few questions about them.

- Are all organizations included in this criteria? "Partnership, association, corporation, organization, or other combination of persons" seems to include every donation that comes from anything other than an individual. Does this apply to PACs? Unions? Non-profits?
- If a business has international shareholders and/or customers, does that mean the company cannot donate? In this case, what about a company PAC?
- If a union has foreign nationals in its membership, is the union disqualified from giving? In this case, what about a union PAC?
- Do these rules apply to contributions received before the proposed June 11th date or just to contributions received on/after that date?

Abbot Taylor

On May 14, 2020, at 5:02 PM, WA Public Disclosure Commission <pdcc@pdcc.wa.gov> wrote:

The Legislature recently passed [Substitute Senate Bill 6152](#) dealing with foreign involvement and financing in campaign activities. The new law prohibits foreign national financing or involvement in campaign-related contribution or expenditure activity. The law also requires entities to certify that any contribution it makes does not include any foreign national funding or involvement.

The PDC is preparing [emergency rules](#) to implement the new law when it takes effect on June 11. If adopted, the emergency rules will apply through the 2020 election cycle as state law prohibits the PDC from implementing new rules from June 30 through the November election. The PDC anticipates opening permanent rulemaking, to include opportunities for formal public comment, this fall.

Please send any comments or suggestions on [these draft rules](#) to pdcc@pdcc.wa.gov by Wednesday, May 20. Any feedback received will be considered in preparing the final draft to recommend for approval by the Commission on May 28.

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