



PUBLIC DISCLOSURE COMMISSION

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To: Members, Washington State Public Disclosure Commission
From: Lori Anderson, Communications & Training Officer
Date: July 17, 2014
Re: July – December 2014 Rule Making Agenda

Staff is preparing to file with the Code Reviser the Commission's July – December 2014 agenda of rules under development. The agenda will include:

PROJECTS UNDER WAY

1. Converting Interpretative Statements to Rules. Six interpretations have been converted since this project began in February 2014. The project will continue through December. Staff plans to add to the list a 1994 policy statement that opined political committees established by state office candidates, a legislative caucus committee, or a bona fide polity party are subject to contribution limits. The policy needs to be updated since contribution limits have been extended to local candidates. Converting the policy to rule will accommodate the updates and make it easier for the public to find.
2. Personal Financial Affairs Statement (F-1) Review. Rule making to (1) adjust the F-1 dollar amounts [started June 2014] and (2) convert PDC Interpretation 91-01 Definition of "Officer" to rule [started in 2012 and put on hold pending the F-1 Review] is expected to be wrapped up in the fall.
3. Form Updates. Earlier this year, the Commission approved expedited rule making to add the website reference to rules/forms where it is not included. Additionally, last year when the staff approached the Commission with housekeeping amendments to the Summary Report (C-4) expenditure codes, the Commission asked staff to research and prepare options for possible rule changes that would provide more detail about independent expenditures.

NEW PROJECTS

1. Lobbying Disclosure. Rule making may be necessary as the Commission pursues alternative disclosure methods for reporting expenditures related to receptions.

Housekeeping –

2. Out-of-state committee disclosure (C-5 form). The Commission is required to make an annual inflationary adjustment to the out-of-state committees' disclosure threshold for reporting certain large contributions. Rule making for the 2015 adjustment will begin in the fall.
3. Commercial advertisers – public inspection. A reference to electioneering communications is needed to update and clarify the Commission's rule concerning what commercial advertisers must make available for public inspection.

Resource Dependent –

4. Informal Settlement Procedures Review. The Commission has expressed interest in reviewing the agency's current procedures regarding informal approaches to resolving complaints without the need for formal enforcement actions, as well as exploring additional options that might be appropriate to allow for more efficient resolution of cases.
5. Executive Director's Duties. Revisions may result from the informal settlement procedures review.