

AMENDATORY SECTION (Amending WSR 22-14-030, filed 6/24/22, effective 6/30/22)

**WAC 390-05-400 Changes in dollar amounts.** Pursuant to the authority in RCW 42.17A.125 that the commission may revise the monetary contribution limits and reporting thresholds and code values of the act to reflect changes in economic conditions, the previous and current amounts are:

( Code Section	Subject Matter	Previous	Current
.005	Reporting threshold for "Independent Expenditure" for political advertising	\$950	\$1,000
.255	Reporting threshold for "Independent Expenditure" not otherwise reported	\$100	\$100
.265	Reporting threshold for late contributions (last minute contributions)	\$1,000	\$1,500
.445(3)	Reimbursement of candidate for loan to own campaign	\$5,500	\$6,000
.630(4)	Report—		
	Applicability of provisions to persons who made contributions	\$19,000	\$20,000
	Persons who made independent expenditures	\$950	\$1,000
.405(2)	Contribution Limits—		
	Candidates for state leg. office	\$950	\$1,000
	Candidates for county office	\$950	\$1,000
	Candidates for other state office	\$1,900	\$2,000
	Candidates for special purpose districts	\$1,900	\$2,000
	Candidates for city council office	\$950	\$1,000
	Candidates for mayoral office	\$950	\$1,000
	Candidates for school board office	\$950	\$1,000
	Candidates for hospital district	\$950	\$1,000
.405(3)	Contribution Limits—		
	State official up for recall or pol comm. supporting recall—		
	State Legislative Office	\$950	\$1,000

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	Other State Office	\$1,900	\$2,000
.405(4)	Contribution Limits— Contributions made by political parties and caucus committees		
	State parties and caucus committees	.95 per voter	\$1.00 per registered voter
	County and leg. district parties	.50 per voter	.50 per registered voter
	Limit for all county and leg. district parties to a candidate	.50 per voter	.50 per registered voter
.405(5)	Contribution Limits— Contributions made by pol. parties and caucus committees to state official up for recall or committee supporting recall		
	State parties and caucuses	.95 per voter	\$1.00 per registered voter
	County and leg. district parties	.50 per voter	.50 per registered voter
	Limit for all county and leg. district parties to state official up for recall or pol. comm. supporting recall	.50 per voter	.50 per registered voter
.405(7)	Limits on contributions to political parties and caucus committees		
	To caucus committee	\$950	\$1,000
	To political party	\$5,000	\$5,500
.410(1)	Candidates for judicial office	\$1,900	\$2,000
.475	Contribution must be made by written instrument	\$95	\$100
.710	Code values for statement of personal financial affairs—See WAC 390-24-301 )		

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Campaign Finance Reporting					
.005(15)	Limit for the value of volunteer services excluded from the definition of contribution	\$50 (1989)	n/a	\$144	\$100
.005(21)	Reporting threshold for "Electioneering communication"	\$1,000 (2011)	n/a	\$1,449	\$1,200
.005(30)	Reporting threshold for "Independent expenditure" for political advertising	\$1,000 (2019)	n/a	\$1,203	\$1,200
.005(46)(a)	Maximum limit for qualification as a "Remediable violation" where no contribution limit applies	\$1,000 (2018)	n/a	\$1,237	\$1,200

**Commented [FS(1):** This value is rounded to synchronize with the threshold for reporting volunteer services for independent expenditures (42.17A.255), to assist with filer compliance and for public understanding.

**Commented [FS(2):** This value is rounded to synchronize with other independent expenditure reporting thresholds (i.e. political advertising) and assist with filer compliance and for public understanding.

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.110(8)	Limit on eligibility for reporting exceptions by small campaigns ("mini reporting" pursuant to WAC 390-16-105 et seq.)	\$5,000 (2010)	n/a	\$7,285	\$7,500
.207(1)(a)(i)	Incidental committee - Threshold of expenditures for registration	\$25,000 (2018)	n/a	\$30,925	\$30,000
.235(1)	Incidental committee - Threshold for reporting top 10 contributors	\$10,000 (2018)	n/a	\$12,370	\$12,000
.235(3)(b)	Incidental committee - Threshold for regular monthly reporting of contributions or expenditures	\$200 (2018)	n/a	\$247	\$500
.220(4)	Limit for retaining accumulated unidentified contributions	\$300 (1973)	n/a	\$2,478	\$500
.225(2)	Regular monthly campaign reports - Threshold for regular monthly reporting of contributions or expenditures - continuing PAC	\$200 (1982)	n/a	\$693	\$500
.235(3)(a)	Regular monthly campaign reports - Threshold for regular monthly reporting of contributions or expenditures - PAC	\$200 (1982)	n/a	\$693	\$500
.230(2)	Contributions fund-raising - Limit on amounts eligible for special reporting of fund-raising activities	\$25 - event \$50 - auction (1989)	n/a	\$72 (event) \$144 (auction)	\$100 \$100
.230(4)	Contributions fund-raising - Threshold for reporting identity of contributions	\$50 (1989)	n/a	\$144	\$100
.235(5) & .240(2)	Contributions - Threshold for required reporting	\$25 (1982)	n/a	\$87	\$100

**Commented [FS(3):** This change will require updating rule WAC 390-16-105 to reflect the adjusted value. In addition, there is a single source limit for mini-reporting which is currently set at \$500. It may make sense to increase the single-source limit to remain at 10 percent of the total limit.

**Commented [FS(4):** This value is rounded to synchronize with the threshold applied to other committees, see below RCW 42.17A.235(3) (a), to with assist filer compliance and for public understanding.

**Commented [FS(5):** This limit only applies as floor if it is greater than 1 percent of the total contributions received. Raising the floor value over 700 would greatly outpace the one percent limit, especially for smaller campaigns. Since the 1 percent measurement already keeps up with inflation without adjustment, the floor value should be kept lower to ensure effective transparency.

**Commented [FS(6):** This value is rounded to synchronize with the monthly reporting threshold for PAC's and incidental committees and assist with filer compliance and for public understanding.

**Commented [FS(7):** This value is rounded to synchronize with the monthly reporting threshold for PAC's and incidental committees, see RCW 42.17A.235(3) (b).

**Commented [FS(8):** This reporting threshold is maintained to synchronize with other contributor identity thresholds (RCW 42.17A.230(4), .235(5), &.250) to assist with filer compliance and for public understanding.

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	identity of contributors				
.240(2)	Threshold for reporting pledges	\$100 (2019)	n/a	\$120	\$100
.240(7)	Threshold for reporting expenditure activity	\$50 (1982)	n/a	\$173	\$100
.240(9)	Threshold for reporting source of debt	\$750 (2018)	n/a	\$928	\$1,000
.250	Out-of-state PAC - Threshold for reporting contributions	\$25 - In-state (1983) \$2,550 - Out-of-state (2010)	n/a \$2,680 (2016)	\$84 - In-state \$3,715 - Out-of-state	\$100 \$4,000
.265	"Last-minute contribution" - Reporting threshold	\$1,000 (2001)	n/a	\$1,500* *adjusted in 2022	\$1,500
.255(1)	Independent expenditure ("not otherwise reported") - Threshold for including incidental volunteer expenses	\$50 (1995)	n/a	\$110	\$100
.255(2)	Independent expenditure ("not otherwise reported") - Threshold for reporting	\$100 (1973)	n/a	\$826	\$500
.255(5)	Independent expenditure ("not otherwise reported") - Threshold for itemized expenditures	\$50 (1989)	n/a	\$144	\$100
.260	Independent expenditure (political advertising) - Threshold for reporting	\$1,000 (2001)	n/a	\$1,812	\$1,200
.305	Independent expenditure (electioneering communication) - Threshold for detailed reporting of expenditure	\$100 (2005)	n/a	\$169	\$100
.630(1)	Applicability of provisions to persons who made	\$16,000 (2010)	\$20,000	\$20,000* *not adjusted in 2023	

**Commented [FS(9)]:** This value is rounded to synchronize with the expenditure threshold for reporting independent expenditure activity (42.17A.255), to assist with filer compliance and for public understanding. There is also concern that raising the expenditure detail too high would eliminate reporting in some important categories, such as digital advertising, that can be purchased for fairly low value, but is an important activity for transparency.

**Commented [FS(10)]:** This value synchronizes with other monthly campaign reporting thresholds, assist with filer compliance and for public understanding. There is also a concern that adjusting too high would eliminate reporting of important independent expenditure activity.

**Commented [FS(11)]:** This value is tied to the value set in definition for an independent expenditure, which is adjusted based on the 2019 adjustment. RCW 42.17A.005(30).

**Commented [FS(12)]:** This value is maintained to synchronize with the other expenditure reporting thresholds, to assist with filer compliance and for public understanding.

**Commented [FS(13)]:** This reporting value will be moved to the lobbying adjustment section, once those are revised. For now, it is left here as a placeholder.

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	contributions				
.630(1)	Persons who made independent expenditures	\$800 (2010)	\$1,000	\$1,000* *not adjusted in 2023	
<u>Campaign Contribution Limits</u>					
.405(2)	<u>Limits on contributions to candidates:</u>				
	- Candidates for state legislative office	\$800 (2010)	\$1,000	\$1,165	\$1,200
	- Candidates for county office	\$800 (2010)	\$1,000	\$1,165	\$1,200
	- Candidates for other state office	\$1,600 (2010)	\$2,000	\$2,331	\$2,400
	- Candidates for special purpose districts	\$1,600 (2010)	\$2,000	\$2,331	\$2,400
	- Candidates for city council office	\$800 (2010)	\$1,000	\$1,165	\$1,200
	- Candidates for mayoral office	\$800 (2010)	\$1,000	\$1,165	\$1,200
	- Candidates for school board office	\$800 (2010)	\$1,000	\$1,165	\$1,200
	- Candidates for hospital district	\$800 (2010)	\$1,000	\$1,165	\$1,200
.410(1)	- Candidates for judicial office	\$1,600 (2010)	\$2,000	\$2,331	\$2,400
.405(4)	<u>State and local party and caucus committee limits on contributions to a candidate:</u>				
	- State parties and caucus committee	\$0.80 x per voter (2010)	\$1.00 per voter	\$1.17 per registered voter	\$1.20
	- County and legislative district parties	\$0.40 per voter (2010)	\$.50 per voter	\$.58 per registered voter	\$0.60
	- Limit on aggregate of all county and legislative district parties to a candidate	\$0.40 x per voter (2010)	\$.50 per voter	\$.58 per registered voter	\$0.60
.405(7)	<u>Limits to political parties and caucus committees:</u>				
	- To caucus committee	\$800 (2010)	\$1,000	\$1,165	\$1,200
	- To political party	\$4,000 (2010)	\$6,000	\$5,828	\$6,000
.405(3)	<u>Recall - Limits to state or local official or to PAC supporting recall:</u>				
	- State legislative office and local office	\$800 (2010)	\$1,000	\$1,165	\$1,200
	- Other (nonlegislative) state office and port	\$1,600 (2010)	\$2,000	\$2,331	\$2,400

Commented [FS(14)]: Same.

Commented [FS(15)]: This value is rounded to synchronize state, judicial, and special district office limits with the statutory scheme where local office limits remain at 1/2 the value of state and special district offices, which will assist with filer compliance and for public understanding.

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	district				
.405(5)	Recall - Limits for political parties and caucus committees to state or local officials or to PACs supporting recall:				
	- State parties and caucuses	\$0.80 × per voter (2010)	\$1.00 per voter	\$1.17 per registered voter	\$1.20
	- County and legislative district parties	\$0.40 × per voter (2010)	.50 per voter	\$0.58 per registered voter	\$0.60
	- Limit for all county and legislative district parties to state official up for recall or political committee supporting recall	\$0.40 × per voter (2010)	.50 per voter	\$0.58 per registered voter	\$0.60
.420	Limits on large contributions:				
	- Statewide office	\$50,000 - (2010)	n/a	\$72,850	\$70,000
	- Other (nonstatewide) office	\$5,000 - other (2010)	n/a	\$7,285	\$7,000
.445(3)	Maximum limit for reimbursement of candidate loan to own campaign	\$4,700 (2010)	\$6,000	\$6,848	\$7,000
.475	Contribution must be made by written instrument	\$100 (2019)	n/a	\$120	\$100
.600 - .640	Lobbying disclosure and restrictions - See WAC 390-20-150				
.710	Code values for statement of personal financial affairs - See WAC 390-24-301				

[Statutory Authority: RCW 42.17A.125. WSR 22-14-030, § 390-05-400, filed 6/24/22, effective 6/30/22. Statutory Authority: RCW 42.17A.110(1), 2019 c 428, and 2019 c 261. WSR 20-02-062, § 390-05-400, filed 12/24/19, effective 1/24/20. Statutory Authority: RCW 42.17A.110(1) and 2018 c 304. WSR 18-24-074, § 390-05-400, filed 11/30/18, effective 12/31/18. Statutory Authority: RCW 42.17A.110, 42.17A.125(1), and 42.17A.250 [(1)](g). WSR 16-04-080, § 390-05-400,

filed 1/29/16, effective 2/29/16; WSR 14-01-010, § 390-05-400, filed 12/5/13, effective 1/5/14. Statutory Authority: RCW 42.17A.110 and 42.17A.125. WSR 13-05-012, § 390-05-400, filed 2/7/13, effective 3/10/13. Statutory Authority: RCW 42.17.110 and 42.17.125. WSR 12-10-041, § 390-05-400, filed 4/27/12, effective 5/28/12. Statutory Authority: RCW 42.17.370(1) and 42.17.690. WSR 12-01-032, § 390-05-400, filed 12/13/11, effective 1/13/12. Statutory Authority: RCW 42.17.370(1), 42.17.690, and 42.17.645. WSR 08-04-022, § 390-05-400, filed 1/28/08, effective 2/28/08. Statutory Authority: RCW 42.17.370. WSR 07-07-005, § 390-05-400, filed 3/8/07, effective 4/8/07. Statutory Authority: RCW 42.17.370 and 42.17.690. WSR 06-07-001, § 390-05-400, filed 3/1/06, effective 4/1/06. Statutory Authority: RCW 42.17.690. WSR 03-22-064, § 390-05-400, filed 11/4/03, effective 1/1/04. Statutory Authority: RCW 42.17.370 and 42.17.690. WSR 01-22-050, § 390-05-400, filed 10/31/01, effective 1/1/02. Statutory Authority: RCW 42.17.370(1). WSR 00-04-058, § 390-05-400, filed 1/28/00, effective 3/1/00. Statutory Authority: RCW 42.17.690. WSR 98-08-069, § 390-05-400, filed 3/30/98, effective 5/1/98; WSR 96-04-021, § 390-05-400, filed 1/30/96, effective 3/1/96.]