

Katiegustainis

reported via the portal

20 hours ago (Wed, 21 Jun 2023 at 11:48 AM)

Regarding the rule making for House Bill 1317 and its impact on grassroots campaigns to influence the legislature, I am writing to encourage the PDC to create substantial resources around the rules for new grassroots campaigns. For communities who are new to filing with the PDC, I believe it would be counter to the ethos of Washington State if we made it more difficult for residents to organize and advocate for and against legislation. I believe in the mission of the PDC and am extremely supportive of the transparency being pursued by this legislation, but I wonder how and if new grassroots campaigns will be penalized if they are not in full compliance. I won't pretend to know the best way to communicate this information, but I do believe having it accessible in multiple languages and easy-to-understand documentation will be essential to ensuring that communities feel supported in organizing and not afraid of messing up. Thank you for your ongoing work and for making Washington's elections free and fair for all. - Katie Gustainis, Burien, WA, 98168