



PREPROPOSAL STATEMENT OF INQUIRY

CR-101 (June 2004)
(Implements RCW 34.05.310)
Do **NOT** use for expedited rule making

Agency: Public Disclosure Commission

Subject of possible rule making: Surplus funds accounts – disclosure – reporting deadlines. The Commission intends to establish a reporting schedule that requires surplus funds account expenditures to be disclosed when more than \$200 is spent in a single month or an aggregate of more than \$200 is spent since the last report was filed.

Statutes authorizing the agency to adopt rules on this subject: RCWs 42.17A.110(1) and 42.17A.240(11)

Reasons why rules on this subject may be needed and what they might accomplish: Surplus funds are the excess campaign contributions remaining after the election that are not needed to satisfy campaign debts. Elected officials may have a bank account in which only surplus funds are deposited. This account may be used for nonreimbursed, public office-related expenses and other uses provided for in RCW 42.17A.430. The statute provides for disclosure of the surplus funds expenditures, but does not set out reporting deadlines.

The Commission has received complaints that officials are spending surplus funds without reporting the activity. In some cases, nondisclosure has gone on for more than a year and thousands of dollars were spent. A reporting schedule will stop this practice and provide the public with timely information about how surplus funds are spent.

Identify other federal and state agencies that regulate this subject and the process coordinating the rule with these agencies:
None

Process for developing new rule (check all that apply):

- Negotiated rule making
- Pilot rule making
- Agency study

X Other (describe) The Commission expects to review draft rule language during the regular September 22, 2016 meeting and schedule a hearing for the purpose of adopting the proposed rule during the regular December 8, 2016 meeting.

How interested parties can participate in the decision to adopt the new rule and formulation of the proposed rule before publication:

(List names, addresses, telephone, fax numbers, and e-mail of persons to contact; describe meetings, other exchanges of information, etc.)

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Participate in the September 22 Commission meeting - exact time to be determined when agenda is published. Meeting location: 711 Capitol Way, Rm 206, Olympia, Washington. Contact Lori Anderson to accommodate alternatives to in-person meeting participation.

DATE
August 8, 2016

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