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390-20-010 Forms for lobbyist registration. [Order 62, § 390-20-010, filed 8/26/75; Order 45, § 390-20-010, filed 9/26/74; Order 6, § 390-20-010, filed 1/23/73.] Repealed by WSR 78-02-063 (Order 96), filed 1/23/78. Statutory Authority: RCW 42.17.370(1).

390-20-022 Definition—Development. [Statutory Authority: RCW 42.17.370(1). WSR 88-06-019 (Resolution No. 88-01), § 390-20-022, filed 2/24/88.] Repealed by WSR 90-16-083, filed 7/31/90, effective 8/31/90. Statutory Authority: RCW 42.17.370.

390-20-023 Contributions to candidates, elected officials, political committees, or public office fund—Identification of source. [Statutory Authority: RCW 42.17.370(1). WSR 85-24-020 (Order 85-05), § 390-20-023, filed 11/26/85; WSR 79-09-041 (Order 79-04), § 390-20-023, filed 8/17/79.] Repealed by WSR 99-12-053, filed 5/27/99, effective 6/27/99. Statutory Authority: RCW 42.17.370(1).

390-20-028 Definition of terms "communicate," "communication," "communicating," and "legislation." [Statutory Authority: RCW 42.17.160(4) and 42.17.370(1). WSR 78-08-061 (Order 100), § 390-20-028, filed 7/24/78.] Repealed by WSR 80-02-055 (Order 80-01), filed 1/17/80. Statutory Authority: RCW 42.17.370(1).

390-20-030 Forms for lobbyist registration—For statement of compensation paid to elected officials. [Order 45, § 390-20-030, filed 9/26/74; Order 9, § 390-20-030, filed 4/24/73.] Repealed by WSR 80-02-106 (Order 80-02), filed 1/24/80. Statutory Authority: RCW 42.17.370(1).

390-20-040 Forms—For report of legislative activity by legislators and legislative committees. [Order 45, § 390-20-040, filed 9/26/74; Order 5, § 390-20-040, filed 3/2/73.] Repealed by WSR 80-02-106 (Order 80-02), filed 1/24/80. Statutory Authority: RCW 42.17.370(1).

390-20-050 Forms—For report of legislative activity by public agencies. [Statutory Authority: RCW 42.17.370(1). WSR 79-11-124 (Order 79-07), § 390-20-050, filed 11/6/79; Order 43, § 390-20-050, filed 9/26/74; Order 5, § 390-20-050, filed 3/2/73.] Repealed by WSR 80-02-106 (Order 80-02), filed 1/24/80. Statutory Authority: RCW 42.17.370(1).

390-20-051 Application of RCW 42.17.190 to lobbying of the legislature and governor. [Statutory Authority: RCW 42.17.160(4) and 42.17.370(1). WSR 78-08-061 (Order 100), § 390-20-051, filed 7/24/78.] Repealed by WSR 80-02-055 (Order 80-01), filed 1/17/80. Statutory Authority: RCW 42.17.370(1).

390-20-053 Application of RCW 42.17.190 to lobbying of other agencies. [Statutory Authority: RCW 42.17.160(4) and 42.17.370(1). WSR 78-08-061 (Order 100), § 390-20-053, filed 7/24/78.] Repealed by WSR 80-02-055 (Order 80-01), filed 1/17/80. Statutory Authority: RCW 42.17.370(1).

390-20-055 Application of RCW 42.17.190 to intra-agency activity. [Statutory Authority: RCW 42.17.160(4) and 42.17.370(1). WSR 78-08-061 (Order 100), § 390-20-055, filed 7/24/78.] Repealed by WSR 80-02-055 (Order 80-01), filed 1/17/80. Statutory Authority: RCW 42.17.370(1).

390-20-060 Forms—For registration and reporting by sponsors of grass roots lobbying campaigns. [Order 43, § 390-20-060, filed 9/26/74; Order 5, § 390-20-060, filed 3/2/73.] Repealed by WSR 80-02-106 (Order 80-02), filed 1/24/80. Statutory Authority: RCW 42.17.370(1).

390-20-070 Forms—For statement of employment of legislators, state officers, and state employees. [Order 43, § 390-20-070, filed 9/26/74; Order 5, § 390-20-070, filed 3/2/73.] Repealed by WSR 80-02-106 (Order 80-02), filed 1/24/80. Statutory Authority: RCW 42.17.370(1).

390-20-080 Lobbyists—Termination of registration. [Order 49, § 390-20-080, filed 3/3/75.] Repealed by WSR 80-03-089 (Order 80-03), filed 3/4/80. Statutory Authority: RCW 42.17.370(1).

390-20-085 Lobbyists expenditures—Apportionment of expenses. [Order 49, § 390-20-085, filed 3/3/75.] Repealed by WSR 80-06-119 (Order 80-06), filed 5/30/80. Statutory Authority: RCW 42.17.370(1).

390-20-100 Effect of Public Disclosure Act—Freedom of communication—Employer interference. [Statutory Authority: RCW 42.17.370(1). WSR 85-24-020 (Order 85-05), § 390-20-100, filed 11/26/85; Order 62, § 390-20-100, filed 8/26/75.] Repealed by WSR 99-12-054, filed 5/27/99, effective 6/27/99. Statutory Authority: RCW 42.17.370(1).

390-20-107 Lobbyist's employer—Reporting of "total expenditures." [Statutory Authority: RCW 42.17.370(1). WSR 82-14-016 (Order 82-04), § 390-20-107, filed 6/28/82.] Repealed by WSR 95-01-074A, filed 12/16/94, effective 1/16/95. Statutory Authority: RCW 42.17.390.

390-20-115 Forms for report of legislative activity by legislators and legislative committees. [Statutory Authority: RCW 42.17.370(1). WSR 85-24-020 (Order 85-05), § 390-20-115, filed 11/26/85; Order 71, § 390-20-115, filed 3/23/76; Order 62, § 390-20-115, filed 8/26/75.] Repealed by WSR 99-12-055, filed 5/27/99, effective 6/27/99. Statutory Authority: RCW 42.17.370(1).

WAC 390-20-0101 Lobbyist registration. The rules in this chapter set forth the reporting requirements for lobbying activities and legislative activities of governmental units, as required under chapter 29B.50 RCW.

[Statutory Authority: RCW 42.17A.110 and 2024 c 164. WSR 26-01-209, s 390-20-0101, filed 12/24/25, effective 1/1/26. Statutory Authority: RCW 42.17A.110(1), 2019 c 428, and 2019 c 261. WSR 20-02-062, § 390-20-0101, filed 12/24/19, effective 1/24/20. Statutory Authority: RCW 42.17A.110 and 42.17A.125. WSR 14-15-015, § 390-20-0101, filed 7/3/14, effective 12/1/14. Statutory Authority: RCW 42.17A.110(1). WSR 14-01-011, § 390-20-0101, filed 12/5/13, effective 1/5/14. Statutory Authority: RCW 42.17A.110. WSR 12-03-002, § 390-20-0101, filed 1/4/12, effective 2/4/12. Statutory Authority: RCW 42.17.370. WSR 05-06-070, § 390-20-0101, filed 3/1/05, effective 4/1/05; WSR 04-02-028, § 390-20-0101, filed 12/31/03, effective 1/31/04. Statutory Authority: RCW 42.17.370(1). WSR 00-22-060 and 00-24-041, § 390-20-0101, filed 10/27/00 and 11/29/00, effective 11/27/00 and 12/30/00. Statutory Authority: RCW 42.17.370. WSR 91-09-021, § 390-20-0101, filed 4/10/91, effective 5/11/91. Statutory Authority: RCW 42.17.370(1). WSR 87-05-001 (Order 87-01), § 390-20-0101, filed 2/5/87; WSR 85-24-020 (Order 85-05), § 390-20-0101, filed 11/26/85; WSR 82-21-020 (Order 82-07), § 390-20-0101, filed 10/12/82; WSR 78-02-063 (Order 96), § 390-20-0101, filed 1/23/78.]

WAC 390-20-013 Lobbyist registration—Photograph—Requirements. The photograph to be submitted by a registering lobbyist shall satisfy the requirements of a photo acceptable for a United States passport. The photograph shall have been taken within twelve months of the date of registration.

[Statutory Authority: RCW 42.17.370(1). WSR 85-24-020 (Order 85-05), § 390-20-013, filed 11/26/85; WSR 82-14-016 (Order 82-04), § 390-20-013, filed 6/28/82.]

WAC 390-20-014 Registration during last calendar quarter of the biennial registration period. (1) The registration of a lobbyist who registers during the last calendar quarter of an even-numbered year is valid until the second Monday of January three years later, unless it is terminated or suspended before that day.

(2) Lobbyists are required to file monthly expense reports (L-2 Report) for each month in which they are registered, even if no reportable lobbying expenditures are made.

(3) Lobbyist employers must file the employer's report (L-3 Report) for each calendar year or portion thereof in which a lobbyist employed by them is registered.

[Statutory Authority: RCW 42.17A.110(1), 2019 c 428, and 2019 c 261. WSR 20-02-062, § 390-20-014, filed 12/24/19, effective 1/24/20. Statutory Authority: RCW 42.17.370(1). WSR 99-12-069, § 390-20-014, filed 5/27/99, effective 6/27/99; WSR 87-08-025 (Order 87-02), § 390-20-014, filed 3/25/87.]

WAC 390-20-015 Lobbyists registration—Termination. A lobbyist who ceases lobbying activity may terminate his or her registration at any time by filing with the commission a signed statement, consistent with RCW 29B.50.010(3), indicating that he or she is not lobbying or being compensated to lobby. This notice of termination may be provided on an L-2 report for the month in which termination has taken place. A lobbyist who terminates his or her registration shall file all reports required by chapter 29B.50 RCW for the period during which he or she was registered as a lobbyist. The employer of a lobbyist who terminates his or her registration shall not be relieved of any duty to file the reports otherwise required by Title 29B RCW.

[Statutory Authority: RCW 42.17A.110 and 2024 c 164. WSR 26-01-209, s 390-20-015, filed 12/24/25, effective 1/1/26. Statutory Authority: RCW 42.17A.110. WSR 12-03-002, § 390-20-015, filed 1/4/12, effective 2/4/12. Statutory Authority: RCW 42.17.370(1). WSR 99-12-070, § 390-20-015, filed 5/27/99, effective 6/27/99; WSR 85-24-020 (Order 85-05), § 390-20-015, filed 11/26/85; Order 62, § 390-20-015, filed 8/26/75.]

WAC 390-20-017 Suspension of registration. Lobbyists may temporarily suspend their registration by amending the registration to indicate the months in which no lobbying will be done, no expenditures will be made for lobbying, and no compensation will be received for lobbying. The amendment must be made before the beginning of the suspension period.

(1) During the period when the suspension is effective, the PDC will not require L-2 Reports to be filed.

(2) The registration shall be reinstated upon the expiration of the suspension period indicated on the amended registration, or if the lobbyist further amends the registration in advance to indicate a new date of reinstatement. The lobbyist must update any information on the registration upon reinstatement.

(3) Notification under this rule does not suspend or modify the requirement in RCW 29B.50.010(4) for a new registration each odd-numbered year.

[Statutory Authority: RCW 42.17A.110 and 2024 c 164. WSR 26-01-209, s 390-20-017, filed 12/24/25, effective 1/1/26. Statutory Authority: RCW 42.17A.110, 42.17A.125, 42.17A.615, and 42.17A.640. WSR 24-01-028, § 390-20-017, filed 12/8/23, effective 1/8/24. Statutory Authority: RCW

42.17A.110(1), 2019 c 428, and 2019 c 261. WSR 20-02-062, § 390-20-017, filed 12/24/19, effective 1/24/20. Statutory Authority: RCW 42.17.370(1). WSR 85-24-020 (Order 85-05), § 390-20-017, filed 11/26/85.]

WAC 390-20-018 Lobbyist voluntary registration. A person, exempt from registration under RCW 29B.50.010, who voluntarily registers as a lobbyist, shall not be required to file the reports required by RCW 29B.50.050.

The employer of any voluntarily registered lobbyist shall not be required to file the reports provided in RCW 29B.50.080.

[Statutory Authority: RCW 42.17A.110 and 2024 c 164. WSR 26-01-209, s 390-20-018, filed 12/24/25, effective 1/1/26. Statutory Authority: RCW 42.17A.110. WSR 12-03-002, § 390-20-018, filed 1/4/12, effective 2/4/12. Statutory Authority: RCW 42.17.370(1). WSR 85-24-020 (Order 85-05), § 390-20-018, filed 11/26/85.]

WAC 390-20-020 Reporting lobbyist expenditures. The official report of expenditures is designated "L-2," which includes the L-2 Memo Report. This report is available on the PDC's website, www.pdc.wa.gov, and at the PDC Office, Room 206, Evergreen Plaza Building, Olympia, Washington.

[Statutory Authority: RCW 42.17A.110(1), 2019 c 428, and 2019 c 261. WSR 20-02-062, § 390-20-020, filed 12/24/19, effective 1/24/20. Statutory Authority: RCW 42.17A.110(1). WSR 17-22-071, § 390-20-020, filed 10/27/17, effective 11/27/17. Statutory Authority: RCW 42.17A.110 and 42.17A.615(4). WSR 15-01-064, § 390-20-020, filed 12/11/14, effective 1/11/15. Statutory Authority: RCW 42.17A.110 and 42.17A.125. WSR 14-15-015, § 390-20-020, filed 7/3/14, effective 12/1/14. Statutory Authority: RCW 42.17A.110(1). WSR 14-01-011, § 390-20-020, filed 12/5/13, effective 1/5/14. Statutory Authority: RCW 42.17.370(1). WSR 02-03-018, § 390-20-020, filed 1/4/02, effective 2/4/02; WSR 96-01-103, § 390-20-020, filed 12/19/95, effective 1/19/96. Statutory Authority: RCW 42.17.370. WSR 93-04-072, § 390-20-020, filed 1/29/93, effective 3/1/93; WSR 91-24-011, § 390-20-020, filed 11/22/91, effective 12/23/91; WSR 90-20-088, § 390-20-020, filed 9/28/90, effective 10/29/90. Statutory Authority: RCW 42.17.370(1). WSR 85-24-020 (Order 85-05), § 390-20-020, filed 11/26/85; WSR 82-21-020 (Order 82-07), § 390-20-020, filed 10/12/82; WSR 80-02-055 (Order 80-01), § 390-20-020, filed 1/17/80; Order 94, § 390-20-020, filed 10/31/77; Order 88, § 390-20-020, filed 12/29/76; Order 62, § 390-20-020, filed 8/26/75; Order 45, § 390-20-020, filed 9/26/74; Order 6, § 390-20-020, filed 3/23/73.]

WAC 390-20-020A L-2 Reporting guide.

For Entertainment, Receptions, Travel and Educational Expenditures

Typical Expenditures* (Only permitted if receipt could not reasonably be expected to influence the performance of the officer's or employee's official duties.)	Itemize Expense?	Give Copy of Monthly Expense Report or Memo Report to Elected Official?
Entertaining State Officials, Employees or Their Families:		
□ Any type of entertainment occasion costing $100 or less	No	No
□ Breakfast, lunch or dinner for legislator or other state official or employee (singly, or in conjunction with family member(s)) and total cost for occasion is: º $100 or less º More than $100, and amount attributable to legislator/family is more than $100	 No Yes	 No Yes
□ Tickets to theater, sporting events, etc.	Yes	No
□ Golf outing	Yes	No
Receptions:		
□ Reception to which the entire legislature, all members of a chamber, or any of the two largest caucuses recognized in each chamber are invited and is: º Sponsored by a person other than a lobbyist; º Attended by individuals other than legislators, lobbyists, and lobbyist employers; º A social event; and º Does not include a sit-down meal.	Yes Disclose list of attendees (submitting sign-in sheet is sufficient). A per-person cost is not required	No
□ All other receptions	Yes	Yes, if the food and beverage cost for the legislator and family members exceeds $50
Travel-Related Expenditures for Officials, Employees:		
□ Travel, lodging, meals for office-related appearance or speech at lobbyist employer's annual conference	Yes	Yes
□ Travel, lodging, meals for office-related tour of lobbyist employer's manufacturing plant or other facility	Yes	Yes
Educational Expenditures for Officials, Employees:		
□ Travel, lodging, meals, tuition to attend seminar sponsored by nonprofit organization	Yes	Yes
Other Lobbying-Related Items:		
□ Flowers costing any amount to officials, staff and/or family	No	No
□ Candy costing $100 or less per official or employee	No	No
□ Golf balls, coffee cups or other promotional items	No	No
□ Fruit baskets costing $100 or less per official or employee	No	No

Note: References to employees or staff do not constitute authority to provide impermissible items to regulatory, contracting or purchasing employees.

[Statutory Authority: RCW 42.17A.110, 42.17A.125, 42.17A.615, and 42.17A.640. WSR 24-01-028, § 390-20-020A, filed 12/8/23, effective 1/8/24. Statutory Authority: RCW 42.17A.110(1), 2019 c 428, and 2019 c 261. WSR 20-02-062, § 390-20-020A, filed 12/24/19, effective 1/24/20. Statutory Authority: RCW 42.17A.110 and 42.17A.615(4). WSR 15-01-064, § 390-20-020A, filed 12/11/14, effective 1/11/15.]

WAC 390-20-024 Lobbyist nonreportable expenses. A registered lobbyist who is not compensated for lobbying and, who in advance, informs the commission that the only expenses to be incurred are those exempt from reporting as provided in RCW 29B.50.050 (3)(a) through (d) shall not be required to file an L-2 report.

[Statutory Authority: RCW 42.17A.110 and 2024 c 164. WSR 26-01-209, s 390-20-024, filed 12/24/25, effective 1/1/26. Statutory Authority: RCW 42.17A.110. WSR 12-03-002, § 390-20-024, filed 1/4/12, effective 2/4/12. Statutory Authority: RCW 42.17.370(1). WSR 85-24-020 (Order 85-05), § 390-20-024, filed 11/26/85.]

WAC 390-20-025 Lobbyists expenditures—Apportionment of expenses. For the purposes of compliance with RCW 29B.50.050 (2)(a) requiring reporting of expenditures by lobbyists, a person registered and reporting as a lobbyist need only report those expenditures made or incurred for lobbying. Each expenditure must be reported in sufficient itemized detail to identify the person and agency being lobbied, and the subject matter of the proposed legislation (or other legislative activity) or rule making that the lobbyist has been engaged in supporting or opposing. Such detail must include the identification of legislation or rule by number or citation, or title of draft if no number has been assigned. If a lobbyist is reporting expenditure activity of a grass roots (indirect) lobbying campaign, pursuant to RCW 29B.50.100 and WAC 390-20-125, such activity must be reported separately from other direct lobbying expenditures.

[Statutory Authority: RCW 42.17A.110 and 2024 c 164. WSR 26-01-209, s 390-20-025, filed 12/24/25, effective 1/1/26. Statutory Authority: RCW 42.17A.110, 42.17A.125, 42.17A.615, and 42.17A.640. WSR 24-01-028, § 390-20-025, filed 12/8/23, effective 1/8/24. Statutory Authority: RCW 42.17A.110. WSR 12-03-002, § 390-20-025, filed 1/4/12, effective 2/4/12; Order 62, § 390-20-025, filed 8/26/75.]

WAC 390-20-026 Definition of term "other expenses." The term "other expenses" in RCW 29B.50.050 shall be deemed to include only expenses or services paid or incurred or performed in connection with lobbying.

[Statutory Authority: RCW 42.17A.110 and 2024 c 164. WSR 26-01-209, s 390-20-026, filed 12/24/25, effective 1/1/26. Statutory Authority: RCW 42.17A.110. WSR 12-03-002, § 390-20-026, filed 1/4/12, effective 2/4/12; Order 70, § 390-20-026, filed 2/25/76; Order 62, § 390-20-026, filed 8/26/75.]

WAC 390-20-027 Definition—State elected official, candidate for state office. For the purposes of reporting by employers of registered lobbyists pursuant to RCW 29B.50.080, the terms "state elected official" and "candidate for state office" shall include governor, lieutenant governor, attorney general, state auditor, commissioner of public lands, insurance commissioner, secretary of state, superintendent of public instruction, state treasurer, state senator and state representative.

[Statutory Authority: RCW 42.17A.110 and 2024 c 164. WSR 26-01-209, s 390-20-027, filed 12/24/25, effective 1/1/26. Statutory Authority: RCW 42.17A.110. WSR 12-03-002, § 390-20-027, filed 1/4/12, effective 2/4/12. Statutory Authority: RCW 42.17.390. WSR 95-01-074A, § 390-20-027, filed 12/16/94, effective 1/16/95; Order 71, § 390-20-027, filed 3/23/76.]

WAC 390-20-052 Application of RCW 29B.50.090—Reports of agency lobbying. Regarding the reporting of lobbying by public agencies pursuant to RCW 29B.50.090:

(1) The phrase "in-person lobbying" contained in RCW 29B.50.090 (5)(d)(v)(B) includes activity which is intended to influence the passage or defeat of legislation, such as testifying at public hearings, but does not include activity which is not intended to influence legislation, such as attending a hearing merely to monitor or observe testimony and debate. "In-person" lobbying also includes meetings through video conferencing or other remote access through an online platform or other digital medium with visual capability.

(2) The phrase "a legislative request" contained in RCW 29B.50.090 (5)(d)(ii) includes an oral request from a member of the legislature or its staff.

(3)(a) When any subagency (i.e., department, bureau, board, commission or agency) within a state agency, county, city, town, municipal corporation, quasi-municipal corporation or special purpose district (i.e., primary agency) has independent authority to expend public funds for lobbying, that subagency may file a separate L-5 reporting the information required by RCW 29B.50.090(5).

(b) When a subagency elects to file its own, separate L-5, it must notify the PDC and the administrative head of the primary agency of its intentions electronically. The primary agency does not thereafter need to include information for the subagency in its L-5, and will have no legal obligation for the filings of the subagency.

(4) Pursuant to RCW 29B.50.090(6), certain local agencies may elect to have lobbying activity on their behalf reported by their elected officials, officers and employees in the same manner as lobbyists who register and report under RCW 29B.50.010 and 29B.50.050:

(a) Whenever such a local agency makes such an election, it shall provide the PDC with a notice electronically.

(b) After such an election, those who lobby on behalf of such local agency must register and report all lobbying activity reportable under RCW 29B.50.090(5) in the same manner as lobbyists who are required to register and report under RCW 29B.50.010 and 29B.50.050. Such a local agency shall report pursuant to RCW 29B.50.080.

(c) In order to terminate such an election, such a local agency must provide the PDC with notice electronically, and report pursuant to RCW 29B.50.090(5) thereafter.

(d) The exemptions from reportable lobbying activity contained in RCW 29B.50.090 (5)(d) apply to all agencies, whether or not they have exercised the election to report in the same manner as lobbyists who report under RCW 29B.50.010, 29B.50.050, and 29B.50.080. The exemptions contained in RCW 29B.50.040 (1), (4), and (5) do not apply to any agency.

(5) Unless an agency has elected to report its lobbying pursuant to RCW 29B.50.090(6) and subsection (3) of this section, an agency

must include the reportable lobbying activity on its behalf by an elected official in its quarterly report. Such an elected official does not file any separate report of that activity.

(6) In-person lobbying by elected officials, officers and employees of an agency is not reportable unless and until:

(a) An elected official has expended in excess of $100 of nonpublic funds in connection with such lobbying for or on behalf of any one or more members of the legislature or state elected officials or public officers or employees of the state of Washington during any three-month period as provided in RCW 29B.50.090 (5)(d)(v)(B).

(b) Other officers and employees have, in the aggregate:

(i) Expended in excess of $100 of nonpublic funds in connection with such lobbying for or on behalf of any one or more members of the legislature or state elected officials or public officers or employees of the state of Washington; and

(ii) Engaged in such lobbying for more than four days or parts thereof during any three-month period as provided in RCW 29B.50.090 (5)(d)(v)(B).

(c) When limits in (a) or (b) of this subsection have been exceeded, the agency must report such elected official, officer, or employee as a "person who lobbied this quarter" on the front of L-5 Report and include a listing of those excess expenditures as noted on that report.

[Statutory Authority: RCW 42.17A.110 and 2024 c 164. WSR 26-01-209, s 390-20-052, filed 12/24/25, effective 1/1/26. Statutory Authority: RCW 42.17A.110, 42.17A.125, 42.17A.615, and 42.17A.640. WSR 24-01-028, § 390-20-052, filed 12/8/23, effective 1/8/24. Statutory Authority: RCW 42.17A.110(1), 2019 c 428, and 2019 c 261. WSR 20-02-062, § 390-20-052, filed 12/24/19, effective 1/24/20. Statutory Authority: RCW 42.17A.110 and 42.17A.125. WSR 14-15-015, § 390-20-052, filed 7/3/14, effective 12/1/14. Statutory Authority: RCW 42.17A.110. WSR 12-03-002, § 390-20-052, filed 1/4/12, effective 2/4/12. Statutory Authority: RCW 42.17.370(1). WSR 96-05-001, § 390-20-052, filed 2/7/96, effective 3/9/96. Statutory Authority: RCW 42.17.390. WSR 94-11-016, § 390-20-052, filed 5/5/94, effective 6/5/94. Statutory Authority: 42.17.370. WSR 91-16-072, § 390-20-052, filed 8/2/91, effective 9/2/91. Statutory Authority: RCW 42.17.370(1). WSR 85-24-020 (Order 85-05), § 390-20-052, filed 11/26/85; WSR 80-02-055 (Order 80-01), § 390-20-052, filed 1/17/80.]

WAC 390-20-054 Agency lobbying—Reporting of lobbying by independent contractors. (1) An independent contractor who is retained to lobby on behalf of an agency shall register and report as a lobbyist pursuant to RCW 29B.50.010 and 29B.50.050.

(2) An agency which retains an independent contractor as a lobbyist and reports all of its expenditures in connection therewith pursuant to RCW 29B.50.090 shall not be obligated to file a report pursuant to RCW 29B.50.080 with regard to that lobbyist.

[Statutory Authority: RCW 42.17A.110 and 2024 c 164. WSR 26-01-209, s 390-20-054, filed 12/24/25, effective 1/1/26. Statutory Authority: RCW 42.17A.110. WSR 12-03-002, § 390-20-054, filed 1/4/12, effective 2/4/12. Statutory Authority: RCW 42.17.370(1). WSR 81-08-025 (Order 81-01), § 390-20-054, filed 3/26/81.]

WAC 390-20-105 Lobbyist's employer—Meaning—Examples. (1) The term "lobbyist's employer" includes every person who engages or utilizes the services of any other person to lobby, upon an agreement express or implied, for compensation or for other consideration, as that term is defined in WAC 390-05-220. A person is a lobbyist's employer within the meaning of the act when:

(a) Other persons are actually employed by or receive consideration from such person in whole or in part for lobbying;

(b) Officers or employers of such person, lobby for or on behalf of such person, whether such duties are expressed in the corporate or partnership articles or bylaws or other writings of such employer, or in a written or oral contract, or exist by reason of a mutual understanding;

(c) The lobbying services are secured or arranged for through an authorized representative.

(2) A person shall not be deemed to be a lobbyist's employer solely because an employee of such person engages in lobbying.

[Statutory Authority: RCW 42.17.370(1). WSR 02-03-018, § 390-20-105, filed 1/4/02, effective 2/4/02; WSR 88-14-064 (Order 88-02), § 390-20-105, filed 7/1/88; WSR 85-24-020 (Order 85-05), § 390-20-105, filed 11/26/85; Order 62, § 390-20-105, filed 8/26/75.]

WAC 390-20-110 Reporting for lobbyist employers. The official report for statement by employers of registered lobbyists as required by RCW 29B.50.080 is designated "L-3." Electronic filing is required by RCW 29B.15.010 unless the PDC executive director has granted a hardship exemption for lack of technological ability.

[Statutory Authority: RCW 42.17A.110 and 2024 c 164. WSR 26-01-209, s 390-20-110, filed 12/24/25, effective 1/1/26. Statutory Authority: RCW 42.17A.110, 42.17A.125, 42.17A.615, and 42.17A.640. WSR 24-01-028, § 390-20-110, filed 12/8/23, effective 1/8/24. Statutory Authority: RCW 42.17A.110(1), 2019 c 428, and 2019 c 261. WSR 20-02-062, § 390-20-110, filed 12/24/19, effective 1/24/20. Statutory Authority: RCW 42.17A.110(1). WSR 17-22-071, § 390-20-110, filed 10/27/17, effective 11/27/17. Statutory Authority: RCW 42.17A.110 and 42.17A.125(2). WSR 15-01-066, § 390-20-110, filed 12/11/14, effective 1/11/15. Statutory Authority: RCW 42.17.370 and 2008 c 6 § 1303. WSR 09-01-063, § 390-20-110, filed 12/11/08, effective 1/11/09. Statutory Authority: RCW 42.17.370. WSR 05-06-070, § 390-20-110, filed 3/1/05, effective 4/1/05; WSR 04-02-028, § 390-20-110, filed 12/31/03, effective 1/31/04. Statutory Authority: RCW 42.17.370(1). WSR 02-03-018, § 390-20-110, filed 1/4/02, effective 2/4/02. Statutory Authority: RCW 42.17.370(1) and 42.17.180 (1)(h). WSR 98-01-062, § 390-20-110, filed 12/11/97, effective 1/11/98. Statutory Authority: RCW 42.17.370(1). WSR 96-01-103, § 390-20-110, filed 12/19/95, effective 1/19/96. Statutory Authority: RCW 42.17.390. WSR 95-01-074A, § 390-20-110, filed 12/16/94, effective 1/16/95. Statutory Authority: RCW 42.17.370. WSR 93-04-072, § 390-20-110, filed 1/29/93, effective 3/1/93; WSR 90-22-018, § 390-20-110, filed 10/29/90, effective 11/29/90. Statutory Authority: RCW 42.17.370(1). WSR 87-05-001 (Order 87-01), § 390-20-110, filed 2/5/87; WSR 85-24-020 (Order 85-05), § 390-20-110, filed 11/26/85; WSR 84-05-018 (Order 84-01), § 390-20-110, filed 2/10/84; Order 62, § 390-20-110, filed 8/26/75.]

Reviser's note: Notice of Objection: The Joint Administrative Rules Review Committee finds that WAC 390-20-110 has not been modified, amended, withdrawn, or repealed by the Public Disclosure Commission so as to conform with the intent of the Legislature as expressed in RCW 42.17.170 and 42.17.180. Therefore, pursuant to its authority under RCW 34.04.240, this notice of objection is filed.
The Joint Committee finds that WAC 390-20-110 requires the disclosure of information from lobbyists' employers which RCW 42.17.170 specifically excludes from reporting by lobbyists. It is the opinion of the Joint Committee that the Commission is attempting to obtain information from lobbyists' employers which the Commission would not otherwise be able to obtain from lobbyists themselves. This would thwart the express intent of the Legislature that such information is inappropriate for reporting. WAC 390-20-110 would effectively neuter the reporting exemptions in RCW 42.17.170—the Commission would have the information. This is not what the Legislature intended. [Joint Administrative Rules Review Committee, Memorandum, August 16, 1984—Filed August 28, 1984, WSR 84-18-014.]

WAC 390-20-111 Lobbyist employers reporting of political contributions. The official report entitled "Employer of Lobbyist Monthly Political Contribution Report" as required by RCW 29B.50.080 (2)(a) is designated "L-3c." Hard copies of this report are available for download on the PDC's website, www.pdc.wa.gov, and at the PDC Office, Olympia, Washington. Any attachments must be on 8-1/2" x 11" white paper.

[Statutory Authority: RCW 42.17A.110 and 2024 c 164. WSR 26-01-209, s 390-20-111, filed 12/24/25, effective 1/1/26. Statutory Authority: RCW 42.17A.110(1), 2019 c 428, and 2019 c 261. WSR 20-02-062, § 390-20-111, filed 12/24/19, effective 1/24/20. Statutory Authority: RCW 42.17A.110(1). WSR 17-22-071, § 390-20-111, filed 10/27/17, effective 11/27/17. Statutory Authority: RCW 42.17A.110 and 42.17A.125. WSR 14-15-015, § 390-20-111, filed 7/3/14, effective 12/1/14. Statutory Authority: RCW 42.17A.110. WSR 12-03-002, § 390-20-111, filed 1/4/12, effective 2/4/12. Statutory Authority: RCW 42.17.370(1). WSR 02-03-018, § 390-20-111, filed 1/4/02, effective 2/4/02. Statutory Authority: RCW 42.17.370. WSR 90-16-083, § 390-20-111, filed 7/31/90, effective 8/31/90.]

WAC 390-20-120 Reporting legislative activity by public agencies. The official report for legislative activity by public agencies as required by RCW 29B.50.090 is designated "L-5." This report is available on the PDC's website, www.pdc.wa.gov, and at the PDC Office, Olympia, Washington.

[Statutory Authority: RCW 42.17A.110 and 2024 c 164. WSR 26-01-209, s 390-20-120, filed 12/24/25, effective 1/1/26. Statutory Authority: RCW 42.17A.110(1), 2019 c 428, and 2019 c 261. WSR 20-02-062, § 390-20-120, filed 12/24/19, effective 1/24/20. Statutory Authority: RCW 42.17A.110(1). WSR 17-22-071, § 390-20-120, filed 10/27/17, effective 11/27/17. Statutory Authority: RCW 42.17A.110 and 42.17A.125. WSR 14-15-015, § 390-20-120, filed 7/3/14, effective 12/1/14. Statutory Authority: RCW 42.17.370(1). WSR 12-01-031, § 390-20-120, filed 12/13/11, effective 1/13/12. Statutory Authority: RCW 42.17.370. WSR 09-01-068, § 390-20-120, filed 12/12/08, effective 1/12/09. Statutory Authority: RCW 42.17.370(1). WSR 02-03-018, § 390-20-120, filed 1/4/02, effective 2/4/02; WSR 85-24-020 (Order 85-05), § 390-20-120, filed 11/26/85; WSR 80-02-106 (Order 80-02), § 390-20-120, filed 1/24/80. Statutory Authority: RCW 42.17.160(4) and 42.17.370(1). WSR 78-08-061 (Order 100), § 390-20-120, filed 7/24/78; Order 94, § 390-20-120, filed 10/31/77; Order 77, § 390-20-120, filed 6/2/76; Order 62, § 390-20-120, filed 8/26/75.]

WAC 390-20-125 Registration and reporting by sponsors of grass roots lobbying campaigns. The official report for registration and reporting by sponsors of grass roots lobbying campaigns as required by RCW 29B.50.100 is designated "L-6." Hard copies of this report are available for download on the PDC's website, pdc.wa.gov, and at the PDC Office, Olympia, Washington. Any attachments shall be on 8-1/2" x 11" white paper.

(1) Grass roots lobbying, also known as indirect lobbying, as set forth in RCW 29B.50.100, involves an appeal to the public to solicit, urge, or encourage the public to influence legislation. Grass roots (indirect) lobbying is distinguished from direct lobbying of a legislator, state official, or state agency, which may require registration and reporting separately, pursuant to RCW 29B.50.010 and 29B.50.050.

(2) The presentation of a campaign may include any advertising displays, newspaper ads, billboards, signs, brochures, articles, tabloids, flyers, letters, radio or television presentations, digital communication, or other means of mass communication to the public. The commission will consider the definition of "mass communication," as set forth in WAC 390-05-290, as guidance in application to this section.

(a) Internal communications by a membership organization that are directed and limited to the members of that organization do not constitute "lobbying," as defined under RCW 29B.10.350. The commission will use the criteria set forth under WAC 390-05-515 to assist in determining whether a communication is primarily limited to the members within an organization.

(b) The publication or dissemination of news reporting activities by working members of the press, radio, digital media, or television, where no payment for the content has been received and where payment for the space or time of such content is not normally required, is exempt from registration and reporting as provided under RCW 29B.50.040(3).

(3) The sponsor of a grass roots lobbying campaign is the person or persons making expenditures for the presentation of the campaign to the public.

(a) A lobbyist may report the campaign activities of a sponsor, who is a registered lobbyist employer, on the L-2 Report, including the same details as required pursuant to RCW 29B.50.100, and this section, only if:

(i) The sponsor did not receive any contributions for the campaign other than the sponsor's own funds, including general treasury funds;

(ii) The sponsor timely registered for the campaign pursuant to RCW 29B.50.100; and

(iii) The campaign is identified on the L-2 Report.

(b) If the campaign has more than one sponsor (for example a group or coalition of persons with each member making expenditures separately for the campaign), the sponsors must register collectively as a grass roots lobbying campaign on the L-6 Report. All activity must be reported on the L-6 Report, or in accordance with (a) of this subsection.

(4) Expenditures made on behalf of a grass roots lobbying campaign must be reported by financial category, pursuant to RCW 29B.50.100(2), with sufficient detail and itemization to provide the public a reasonable understanding of the nature and scope of the expenditure, including:

(a) Advertising - Any advertising or other form of mass communication must be segregated by media type, including:

(i) The name and address of any commercial advertiser that sold the advertising;

(ii) The quantity of each printed media distributed, or the name and location of each publication, outlet, or platform where the advertisement or communication appeared;

(iii) The date or dates that the advertising or communication was broadcast, distributed, published, or otherwise presented to the public; and

(iv) A description of the major work components or tasks that were provided by media type, in such detail as incorporated from WAC 390-18-050(7).

(b) Entertainment - Any expenditures on entertainment made in furtherance of the campaign must be reported. However, entertainment provided to or on behalf of a legislator or state official may need to be reported as direct lobbying, pursuant to RCW 29B.50.050.

(c) Office expenses - Any equipment, office space, staffing or other services purchased with campaign contributions, or used exclusively for the grass roots lobbying campaign, must be reported and itemized. If office expenses are provided exclusively by an organizational sponsor's general treasury funds, only the proportional campaign use of such office expenses must be reported as follows:

(i) The proportional amount paid or incurred by the sponsor for any employee or contractor who provides the campaign with:

(A) More than 20 hours a month on any administrative, secretarial, or other supportive staffing services; or

(B) More than five hours a month on any professional services, such as legal, accounting, management, or production; and

(ii) The purchase or rental value of any equipment or property used primarily for campaign purposes.

(d) Consultants - Any contractual or other payments made to any professional service provider, or other third party, for campaign purposes must be reported, including the name and address of the provider and a description of the services provided.

[Statutory Authority: RCW 42.17A.110 and 2024 c 164. WSR 26-01-209, s 390-20-125, filed 12/24/25, effective 1/1/26. Statutory Authority: RCW 42.17A.110, 42.17A.125, 42.17A.615, and 42.17A.640. WSR 24-01-028, § 390-20-125, filed 12/8/23, effective 1/8/24. Statutory Authority: RCW 42.17A.110(1), 2019 c 428, and 2019 c 261. WSR 20-02-062, § 390-20-125, filed 12/24/19, effective 1/24/20. Statutory Authority: RCW 42.17A.110(1). WSR 17-22-071, § 390-20-125, filed 10/27/17, effective 11/27/17. Statutory Authority: RCW 42.17A.110 and 42.17A.125. WSR 14-15-015, § 390-20-125, filed 7/3/14, effective 12/1/14. Statutory Authority: RCW 42.17A.110. WSR 12-03-002, § 390-20-125, filed 1/4/12, effective 2/4/12. Statutory Authority: RCW 42.17.370(1). WSR 02-03-018, § 390-20-125, filed 1/4/02, effective 2/4/02. Statutory Authority: RCW 42.17.370. WSR 90-16-083, § 390-20-125, filed 7/31/90, effective 8/31/90. Statutory Authority: RCW 42.17.370(1). WSR 85-24-020 (Order 85-05), § 390-20-125, filed 11/26/85; Order 62, § 390-20-125, filed 8/26/75.]

WAC 390-20-130 Statement of employment of legislators, state officers, and state employees. The official report for statement of employment of legislators, state officers, and state employees as re-

quired by RCW 29B.50.110 is designated "L-7." Hard copies of this form are available for download on the PDC's website, www.pdc.wa.gov, and at the PDC Office, Olympia, Washington. Any paper attachments shall be on 8-1/2" x 11" white paper.

[Statutory Authority: RCW 42.17A.110 and 2024 c 164. WSR 26-01-209, s 390-20-130, filed 12/24/25, effective 1/1/26. Statutory Authority: RCW 42.17A.110(1), 2019 c 428, and 2019 c 261. WSR 20-02-062, § 390-20-130, filed 12/24/19, effective 1/24/20. Statutory Authority: RCW 42.17A.110(1). WSR 17-22-071, § 390-20-130, filed 10/27/17, effective 11/27/17. Statutory Authority: RCW 42.17A.110 and 2015 c 72. WSR 16-04-027, § 390-20-130, filed 1/25/16, effective 2/25/16. Statutory Authority: RCW 42.17A.110. WSR 12-03-002, § 390-20-130, filed 1/4/12, effective 2/4/12. Statutory Authority: RCW 42.17.370. WSR 05-11-002, § 390-20-130, filed 5/4/05, effective 6/4/05. Statutory Authority: RCW 42.17.370(1). WSR 02-03-018, § 390-20-130, filed 1/4/02, effective 2/4/02; WSR 85-24-020 (Order 85-05), § 390-20-130, filed 11/26/85; Order 62, § 390-20-130, filed 8/26/75.]

WAC 390-20-140 Loss of exemption from registering and reporting lobbying activities. (1) For the purpose of determining compliance with RCW 29B.50.120, a lobbyist's employer is responsible for the applicability of all of the exemptions provided in RCW 29B.50.040 to any lobbyist the employer employs, pays, or agrees to pay.

(2) The commission recognizes that a lobbyist who initially intends in good faith to utilize the "casual lobbying" exemption from registration and reporting which is provided in RCW 29B.50.040(4) may thereafter become ineligible for that exemption, thus violating RCW 29B.50.010 or 29B.50.050 by not having registered or reported within the prescribed time periods.

(3) The commission will not commence enforcement proceedings against a lobbyist or their employer in circumstances described in subsection (2) of this section if the lobbyist:

(a) Registers pursuant to RCW 29B.50.010 before doing any lobbying in excess of the exemption limitations in RCW 29B.50.040(4); and

(b) Files a report on the L-2 Report when next due under RCW 29B.50.050, including all reportable information for the lobbying activities cumulatively causing the exemption limitations to be reached.

(4) The duty under RCW 29B.50.130(1) of a person required to register as a lobbyist to obtain and preserve all records necessary to substantiate required financial reports includes such records of all activities which cumulatively cause the RCW 29B.50.040(4) exemption limitations to be reached and exceeded.

(5) A lobbyist whose only compensation or other consideration for lobbying is payment of or reimbursement for expenditures not required to be reported per RCW 29B.50.050 (3)(a) through (d), does not qualify for exemption from registration and reporting per RCW 29B.50.040(4).

[Statutory Authority: RCW 42.17A.110 and 2024 c 164. WSR 26-01-209, s 390-20-140, filed 12/24/25, effective 1/1/26. Statutory Authority: RCW 42.17A.110(1), 2019 c 428, and 2019 c 261. WSR 20-02-062, § 390-20-140, filed 12/24/19, effective 1/24/20. Statutory Authority: RCW 42.17A.110. WSR 12-03-002, § 390-20-140, filed 1/4/12, effective 2/4/12. Statutory Authority: RCW 42.17.370(1). WSR 85-24-020 (Order 85-05), § 390-20-140, filed 11/26/85; WSR 82-14-016 (Order 82-04), §

390-20-140, filed 6/28/82. Statutory Authority: RCW 42.17.160(4) and 42.17.370(1). WSR 78-07-038 (Order 99), § 390-20-140, filed 6/26/78.]

WAC 390-20-141 Registration and reporting required when a lobbyist employs another lobbyist. (1) If a registered lobbyist employs another lobbyist to perform lobbying activities in excess of the exemptions specified in RCW 29B.50.010(2) or 29B.50.040 then such registered lobbyist is also an employer of a registered lobbyist.

(2) Any person who becomes an employer of a registered lobbyist under such circumstances must (a) confirm such employment on the employee's L-1 registration statement; (b) in a written instrument filed with such employee's L-1 registration statement identify which clients the employee is authorized to represent; (c) file an annual L-3 report as an employer of a registered lobbyist; and (d) continue to file monthly L-2 reports as a registered lobbyist.

[Statutory Authority: RCW 42.17A.110 and 2024 c 164. WSR 26-01-209, s 390-20-141, filed 12/24/25, effective 1/1/26. Statutory Authority: RCW 42.17A.110. WSR 12-03-002, § 390-20-141, filed 1/4/12, effective 2/4/12. Statutory Authority: RCW 42.17.370(1). WSR 86-14-056 (Order 86-05), § 390-20-141, filed 6/27/86.]

WAC 390-20-143 Application of lobbying provisions to organizations. (1) A lobbyist other than an individual will be considered to have properly restricted its lobbying activities and is eligible for the RCW 29B.50.040(5) "casual lobbying" exemption during any three-month period in which its agents or employees do not make an expenditure of more than $100 for or on behalf of legislators, state elected officials, public officers or employees of the state of Washington.

(2) A lobbyist other than an individual which does sponsor or coordinate or directly make unreported expenditures exceeding $100 during a three-month period, as fully described in subsection (1) of this section, must register and report as required by RCW 29B.50.010 and 29B.50.050: Provided, that it can satisfy these requirements by having an individual agent (a) register and report as a lobbyist, and (b) include a report of these and all other lobbying expenditures made on behalf of the individual during that three-month period as part of the L-2 Report.

(3) An entity including, but not limited to, a law firm, consulting firm, advertising agency, or other similar organization, which receives or expects to receive compensation for lobbying from any person, must register and report as a lobbyist pursuant to RCW 29B.50.010 and 29B.50.050: Provided, that membership dues or contributions to a nonprofit organization made for the purpose of promoting a general interest and not in return for lobbying on behalf of any specific member or contributor will not be regarded as compensation for this purpose. Registration statements and reports must list as the lobbyists both the firm or organization and each individual acting on its behalf. The person paying the compensation must report under RCW 29B.50.080 as a lobbyist's employer.

[Statutory Authority: RCW 42.17A.110 and 2024 c 164. WSR 26-01-209, s 390-20-143, filed 12/24/25, effective 1/1/26. Statutory Authority: RCW 42.17A.110, 42.17A.125, 42.17A.615, and 42.17A.640. WSR 24-01-028, § 390-20-143, filed 12/8/23, effective 1/8/24. Statutory Authority: RCW

42.17A.110(1), 2019 c 428, and 2019 c 261. WSR 20-02-062, § 390-20-143, filed 12/24/19, effective 1/24/20. Statutory Authority: RCW 42.17A.110 and 42.17A.125. WSR 14-15-015, § 390-20-143, filed 7/3/14, effective 12/1/14. Statutory Authority: RCW 42.17A.110. WSR 12-03-002, § 390-20-143, filed 1/4/12, effective 2/4/12. Statutory Authority: RCW 42.17.370(1). WSR 85-24-020 (Order 85-05), § 390-20-143, filed 11/26/85. Statutory Authority: RCW 42.17.160(4) and 42.17.370(1). WSR 78-07-038 (Order 99), § 390-20-143, filed 6/26/78.]

WAC 390-20-144 Registration and reporting by lobbyist organizations. (1) Any firm, company, association, or similar organization required to register as a lobbyist must file one registration statement (L-1 Report) for each employer for which the organization will lobby.

(a) The lobbying organization will include with the registration statement a photo and the biographical information required by RCW 29B.50.030 for each individual agent of the organization who is authorized to lobby for that particular employer.

(b) If the agent is authorized to lobby for several employers, only one photo and biographical sheet need be submitted.

(c) The organization must notify the PDC electronically when there is any change in the employment or assignment of agents who lobby.

(2) One monthly expenditure report (L-2 Report) must be submitted showing all expenditures made by the organization and its agents. It is unnecessary to prorate or attribute expenditures to individual agents of the organization. However, expenditures for entertainment exceeding $50 per occasion must identify the individual agent(s) who were present at the occasion. The L-2 Report must be signed by the president or chief executive officer of the lobbying organization.

(3) If any individual agent of the organization ceases to lobby or the organization terminates that agent's authority to lobby, the organization must make such notation electronically on the L-2 Report of the termination.

[Statutory Authority: RCW 42.17A.110 and 2024 c 164. WSR 26-01-209, s 390-20-144, filed 12/24/25, effective 1/1/26. Statutory Authority: RCW 42.17A.110(1), 2019 c 428, and 2019 c 261. WSR 20-02-062, § 390-20-144, filed 12/24/19, effective 1/24/20. Statutory Authority: RCW 42.17A.110 and 42.17A.125. WSR 14-15-015, § 390-20-144, filed 7/3/14, effective 12/1/14. Statutory Authority: RCW 42.17A.110. WSR 12-03-002, § 390-20-144, filed 1/4/12, effective 2/4/12. Statutory Authority: RCW 42.17.370(1). WSR 85-24-020 (Order 85-05), § 390-20-144, filed 11/26/85; WSR 81-18-043 (Order 81-03), § 390-20-144, filed 8/28/81; WSR 81-03-001 (Order 80-08), § 390-20-144, filed 1/8/81.]

WAC 390-20-145 Reporting of lobbying events. (1) A meeting or other gathering of individuals for which lobbying is a purpose or reasonably foreseeable result must be reported by or on behalf of the sponsoring person in accordance with WAC 390-20-143 and other applicable provisions of law: Provided, that the executive director is authorized to provide written guidance how all reportable information relative to a particular gathering must be reported on the L-2 Report whenever the application of the appropriate provisions of law is unclear to the reporting person, and this interpretation must be re-

viewed and approved, modified or rejected by the commission at its next regular or special meeting.

(2) Any other lobbyist reporting such a gathering may incorporate by reference in their L-2 Report, an L-2 Report which is filed on the sponsor's behalf and which reports the gathering in accordance with applicable provisions of law, including WAC 390-20-143(2) and subsection (1) of this section.

[Statutory Authority: RCW 42.17A.110(1), 2019 c 428, and 2019 c 261. WSR 20-02-062, § 390-20-145, filed 12/24/19, effective 1/24/20. Statutory Authority: RCW 42.17.370(1). WSR 85-24-020 (Order 85-05), § 390-20-145, filed 11/26/85. Statutory Authority: RCW 42.17.160(4) and 42.17.370(1). WSR 78-07-038 (Order 99), § 390-20-145, filed 6/26/78.]

WAC 390-20-146 Reporting of field trips and other excursions. (1) All persons required to file reports pursuant to RCW 29B.50.050 who provide field trips or other excursions to elected and appointed officials, and other individuals required to file the Personal Financial Affairs Statement (F-1 Report) must file, on the appropriate monthly L-2 or L-2 Memo Report, the identity of persons attending the field trip or other excursion along with the date, pro rata cost, and a brief description of the field trip or other excursion.

(2) All persons required to file pursuant to RCW 29B.55.030 who attend a field trip or other excursion paid for or provided by a lobbyist, lobbyist employer, or other person paying for or providing field trips or other excursions must report the date, name of the person paying for or providing the field trip or excursion, pro rata cost attributable to the filer, applicable code value, and a brief description of the field trip or other excursion as part of the F-1 statement that covers the date of the field trip or other excursion.

[Statutory Authority: RCW 42.17A.110 and 2024 c 164. WSR 26-01-209, s 390-20-146, filed 12/24/25, effective 1/1/26. Statutory Authority: RCW 42.17A.110(1), 2019 c 428, and 2019 c 261. WSR 20-02-062, § 390-20-146, filed 12/24/19, effective 1/24/20. Statutory Authority: RCW 42.17A.110. WSR 12-03-002, § 390-20-146, filed 1/4/12, effective 2/4/12. Statutory Authority: RCW 42.17.370(1). WSR 00-22-059, § 390-20-146, filed 10/27/00, effective 11/27/00.]

WAC 390-20-148 Lobbyist direction or control of employer contributions. For purposes of RCW 29B.40.160, a lobbyist shall be deemed to be exercising direction or control over the choice of the recipient state office candidate, state official against whom recall charges have been filed or a political committee if the lobbyist:

(1) Officially decides to which state office candidates, state officials against whom recall charges have been filed or political committees the lobbyist employer or the employer's political committee contributes; or

(2) Has the ability, on his or her own initiative, to execute or authorize payment of a contribution by the lobbyist employer or the employer's political committee to a state office candidate, a state official against whom recall charges have been filed or a political committee.

[Statutory Authority: RCW 42.17A.110 and 2024 c 164. WSR 26-01-209, s 390-20-148, filed 12/24/25, effective 1/1/26. Statutory Authority: RCW 42.17A.110. WSR 12-03-002, § 390-20-148, filed 1/4/12, effective 2/4/12. Statutory Authority: RCW 42.17.390. WSR 94-11-016, § 390-20-148, filed 5/5/94, effective 6/5/94.]

WAC 390-20-150 Changes in dollar amounts. Pursuant to the commission's authority in RCW 29B.20.050 to revise the monetary reporting thresholds found in Title 29B RCW to reflect changes in economic conditions, the following revisions are made:

Code Section	Subject	Value Set in Statute (and last changed)	Previous Adjusted Value in Rule (last changed in 2014)	Current Adjusted Value (effective ...2023)
29B.50.010(1)	Threshold for reporting members of a lobbyist employer entity who pay dues or fees	$500 (1973)	$1,450	$4,000
29B.50.040(5)	Limit for "casual lobbying" exemption from registration for lobbying expenses in a three-month period	$25 (1982)	$35	$100
29B.50.050(2)	Threshold for itemizing expenditures on entertainment and food or beverage for public officials	$25 (entertainment) (1982) $50 (food & beverage) (1995)	$50 n/a	$100 $100
29B.50.080(2)	Threshold for reporting monthly contributions by lobbyist employer	$100 (1990)	$110	$250
29B.50.090 (5)(d)(v)(B)	Limit on expenditure of nonpublic funds on behalf of any public officer in connection with agency lobbying	$15 (1979)	$25	$100
29B.50.100(1)	Threshold of expenditure activity for registration as a grassroots lobbying campaign	$500 per month (1985) $1,000 per three-month period (1985)	$700 $1,400	$1,500 $3,000
29B.50.100(2)	Threshold for reporting the identity of contributors to a grassroots campaign	$25 (1985)	n/a	$100

[Statutory Authority: RCW 42.17A.110 and 2024 c 164. WSR 26-01-209, s 390-20-150, filed 12/24/25, effective 1/1/26. Statutory Authority: RCW 42.17A.110, 42.17A.125, 42.17A.615, and 42.17A.640. WSR 24-01-028, § 390-20-150, filed 12/8/23, effective 1/8/24. Statutory Authority: RCW 42.17A.110(1), 2019 c 428, and 2019 c 261. WSR 20-02-062, § 390-20-150, filed 12/24/19, effective 1/24/20. Statutory Authority: RCW 42.17A.110 and 42.17A.125. WSR 14-15-015, § 390-20-150, filed 7/3/14, effective 12/1/14.]