Written Comment for December 2025 Meeting

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This e-mail is my written comment for Thursday's meeting.

What was the purpose of recodifying RCW 42.17A?

As I understand it, this change had no material impact on what the campaign finance laws require. Those of us who have memorized key citations will have to learn the new ones, but that's not really a big concern.

Implementing this change and swapping out all the statutory references on the agency's website and training materials looks like it will require a significant amount of agency staff time. Despite careful review and editing, there will likely be some mistakes made in this process.

It seems like this staff time could be better spent in almost any other way, especially as the agency struggles to deal with a high volume of complaints.

So, what was the real purpose of this change? Does any perceived benefit really outweigh the cost? Perhaps I'm missing something.

From my perspective, recodification seems like a significant waste of time/money/energy at a time when the agency should be working on more important things like improvements to enforcement practices.

Best,

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P.S. Why have neither of the two vacancies on the Commission been filled yet?