PREPROPOSAL STATEMENT OF INQUIRY

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Agency: Public Disclosure Commission

Subject of possible rule making: Updating the application of the Fair Campaign Practices Code alternative complaint publication process.

Statutes authorizing the agency to adopt rules on this subject: RCW 29B.20.30

Reasons why rules on this subject may be needed and what they might accomplish: The Fair Campaign Practices Code provides an alternative method for processing complaints by publication. The method of publication includes sending complaints and responses to the "news media." The Fair Campaign Practices Code was adopted in 1977, and the alternative publication process first was adopted in 2016. While there has been significant amendments made to the complaint process in the Fair Campaign Practices Act since that time, the publication process has not changed much since its adoption in 2016. The scope and utility of the publication alternative will be considered for updating to address current practices including the specification of the method of publication.

Identify other federal and state agencies that regulate this subject and the process coordinating the rule with these agencies: Not applicable.

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

- ☐ Negotiated rule making
- ☐ Pilot rule making
- ☒ Agency study
- ☐ Other (describe)

Interested parties can participate in the decision to adopt the new rule and formulation of the proposed rule before publication by contacting:

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