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2026 Agency Request Legislation

The Washington Public Disclosure Commission is proposing changes to candidate and committee reporting schedules in **Title 29B RCW.**

Our Goals:

- **Simplified and standardized reporting schedules** for candidates and committees participating in the primary and general elections.
- **Improved compliance** with pre-election reporting requirements.
- **Increased transparency** for members of the public and media researching campaigns.

Currently, candidates and political action committees (PACs) file expenditure reports (C-4s) throughout much of the year **based on their participation** in an upcoming election and the campaign's **level of activity/amount spent**.

These reports are due by the 10th of each month if the campaign has raised or spent at least $750 since the last report.

Campaigns participating in an election cycle must also file (C-4) reports **regardless of monetary activity** 21- and 7-days before the primary and general elections.

The calendar's variances depending on campaign activity levels and election participation can lead to confusion among both filers and the public about which due dates apply, and negatively affect compliance rates.

Our Proposal:

- **Abandons monetary thresholds** for monthly reporting – reports are due regardless of activity.
- **Requires registered PACs to submit a "statement of participation"** each January to designate if they are planning to participate in any election in that year.
- **Requires a second C-4 report** on the 25th day of the month from July to October for campaigns participating in an election that year (in place of the current 21-and 7- day pre-election reports).
- **Gives campaigns an extra 24 hours** (for a total of 48 hours) to file pre-election reports during the crucial months of July to October.