

Weekly Legislative Update: **Money in Politics**

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Bills We Support

Agency-requested legislation from the Public Disclosure Commission (PDC):

HB 1317 Concerning Grassroots Lobbying Disclosure

Improves transparency in grassroots lobbying disclosure. Requires registration within 24 hours of the initial presentation of a campaign which encourages the public to influence legislation. Requires sponsor identification on advertising and mass communication and clarifies disclosure requirements of funding sources.

SB 5284 Concerning Campaign Finance Disclosure

Updates campaign reporting deadlines to ensure voters have access to campaign financing information when ballots arrive. Requires sponsors to identify political ads to vendors when order placed. Authorizes the PDC to use the public disclosure transparency account for project-based expenditures to meet increasing demand for technology and reporting improvements

Public Financing of Legislative District Campaigns (no bill numbers yet)

Using the proven Seattle Democracy voucher program as a model:

- Expands small donor financing of elections by providing vouchers to give to candidate(s) of choice
- Offers an option for funding campaigns that does not rely on wealthy and influential donors
- Requires limits on election spending, demonstrated public support, and participation in public debates for those opting in

How You Can Be Involved

- Local Leagues in Washington have action chairs who coordinate action teams. Some local Leagues have democracy teams to take action locally. Contact your local League action chair to find out and join.
- Volunteer to help with research. Do you like numbers and data-mining? Join us as we use the [excellent tools](#) provided by the Public Disclosure Commission to dig deep into the data.
- You may also express your opinion on legislation with the LWVWA issue chairs. We will take your perspectives into consideration as we determine our support for legislation and prepare testimony. Contact: Cindy Madigan, Elections Issue Chair, cmadigan@lwvwa.org.