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Senate Elections Committee

Supporting Testimony for HB2223

Good morning chairwoman and committee members. Last year while I was sitting in committee the idea for this bill popped into my head. After debate and the committee process the bill has changed a little since it was introduced. The bill makes it so that candidates for office, PAC's, and lobbyist are more accountable with their campaign finance reports or expenditure reports.

When a campaign finance report is due the candidates will have up to 48 hours after the filling deadline to submit their reports. If the report is not submitted within the first 48 hours after the deadline, then a \$100 penalty goes into effect on the first day. For every subsequent day after the \$100 penalty it will a \$50 penalty until the report is submitted. During campaign season, it is important for candidates to have their reports in on time because our constituents deserve to know who is donating to us before election day arrives. The same type of fee structure is in place for lobbyist and PAC's as well.

For issues that may arise outside of someone's control then the commission can waive the penalties: "The commission may waive, for good cause, payment of any civil penalty imposed by this section."

Thank you,


Representative Blake Carpenter