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**SENATE BILL 5388**

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**By** Senators Becker, Bailey, Cleveland, Hunt, Short, O'Ban, King, Keiser, Walsh, Wilson, L., Darneille, Warnick, Honeyford, Brown, Billig, and Hasegawa

1 AN ACT Relating to establishing a training course for campaign  
2 treasurers; reenacting and amending RCW 42.17A.210; and adding a new  
3 section to chapter 42.17A RCW.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 42.17A  
6 RCW to read as follows:

7 (1) By September 1, 2019, the commission must develop and provide  
8 a training course for individuals acting as treasurers or deputy  
9 treasurers for candidates pursuant to RCW 42.17A.210. The course must  
10 provide, at a minimum, a comprehensive overview of:

- 11 (a) The responsibilities of treasurers and deputy treasurers;  
12 (b) The reporting requirements necessary for candidate compliance  
13 with this chapter, including triggers and deadlines for reporting;  
14 (c) Candidate campaign contribution limits and restrictions under  
15 this chapter;  
16 (d) The use of the commission's electronic filing system;  
17 (e) The consequences for violation of this chapter; and  
18 (f) Any other subjects or topics the commission deems necessary  
19 for encouraging effective compliance with this chapter.

20 (2) The commission must make the course available to all  
21 interested individuals no later than September 1, 2019. The course

1 must be provided in a format able to be used both in person and  
2 remotely via the internet.

3 (3) The commission must determine the requirements for course  
4 completion. Those individuals who complete the training course shall  
5 be deemed "certified" by the commission and such certification shall  
6 last five years from the date issued. The commission must develop a  
7 system to track individuals' certification status.

8 (4) Beginning May 1, 2020, no individual, other than a candidate  
9 for that office, may serve as a treasurer or deputy treasurer unless  
10 the individual has been deemed certified by the commission pursuant  
11 to this section within the past five years.

12 **Sec. 2.** RCW 42.17A.210 and 2010 c 205 s 2 and 2010 c 204 s 403  
13 are each reenacted and amended to read as follows:

14 (1) Each candidate, within two weeks after becoming a candidate,  
15 and each political committee, at the time it is required to file a  
16 statement of organization, shall designate and file with the  
17 commission the name and address of one legally competent individual,  
18 who may be the candidate, to serve as a treasurer.

19 (2) A candidate, a political committee, or a treasurer may  
20 appoint as many deputy treasurers as is considered necessary and  
21 shall file the names and addresses of the deputy treasurers with the  
22 commission.

23 (3) (a) A candidate or political committee may at any time remove  
24 a treasurer or deputy treasurer.

25 (b) In the event of the death, resignation, removal, or change of  
26 a treasurer or deputy treasurer, the candidate or political committee  
27 shall designate and file with the commission the name and address of  
28 any successor.

29 (4) (a) No treasurer or deputy treasurer may be deemed to be in  
30 compliance with the provisions of this chapter until his or her name  
31 and address is filed with the commission.

32 (b) After May 1, 2020, no treasurer or deputy treasurer, other  
33 than a candidate, may be deemed to be in compliance with the  
34 provisions of this chapter until he or she is trained and currently  
35 certified by the commission pursuant to section 1 of this act,  
36 unless:

37 (i) The candidate or political committee does not expect to  
38 receive contributions or make expenditures of more than five thousand  
39 dollars;

1       (ii) The treasurer or deputy treasurer will not receive more than  
2 nominal compensation for serving as treasurer or deputy treasurer; or  
3       (iii) The treasurer or deputy treasurer is an actively licensed  
4 certified public accountant with the Washington state board of  
5 accountancy.

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