

Amendment 2 to Council Bill (CB) 119731: Title of Section 2.04.400

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Amendment 2 to CB 119731 would simplify the title of Section 2.04.400 by changing it from “Limits on contributions to independent expenditure committees” to “Independent expenditures.”

Proposed Section 2.04.400 includes both a prohibition on contributions by a foreign-influenced corporation to an independent expenditure committee and a prohibition on independent expenditures made directly by a foreign-influenced corporation. Amending the title will clarify that the section discusses multiple avenues for making an independent expenditure.

Amend Section 7 of CB 119731 to simplify the title of Section 2.04.400. Language added to CB 119731 is shown in red below. New language to be added to the bill is shown with a double underline. Language to be removed from the bill is shown with a ~~double-strikeout~~.

Section 7. A new Section 2.04.400 of the Seattle Municipal Code is added to Subchapter IV of Chapter 2.04 as follows:

**2.04.400 ~~Limits on contributions to independent expenditure committees~~ Independent expenditures**

A. No foreign-influenced corporation shall make an independent expenditure in elections for or against candidates for the offices of Mayor, City Council, or City Attorney of The City of Seattle, nor a contribution to an independent expenditure committee that has conveyed, implicitly or explicitly, that contributions to the committee may be used in elections for or against candidates for the offices of Mayor, City Council, or City Attorney of The City of Seattle.

B. An independent expenditure committee may dedicate any contributions that do not comply with the restrictions of Section 2.04.400 for use in elections outside Seattle or for other lawful purposes.