

**Amendment 1**  
**to**  
**Council Bill 119968: SEEC Lobbying Regulations**  
**Sponsor: CM Sawant**

Cut requirement that grassroots lobbying campaigns register with the Seattle Ethics and Elections Commission

1. Cut the body of Section 2.06.115 on pages 12 and 13 of Council Bill 119968, as follows:

**2.06.115 Grassroots lobbying campaigns**

[RESERVED]

~~A. Any person who has made expenditures, not otherwise reported by a registered lobbyist under this Chapter 2.06, or a candidate or political committee under Section 2.04.230 or 2.04.260, exceeding \$1,500 in the aggregate within any three-month period or exceeding \$750 in the aggregate within any one-month period in presenting a program to the public, a substantial portion of which is intended, designed, or calculated primarily to influence legislation shall register and report, as provided in subsection 2.06.115.B.2, as a sponsor of a grassroots lobbying campaign.~~

~~B. Within 30 days after becoming a sponsor of a grassroots lobbying campaign, the sponsor shall register by filing with the Executive Director a registration statement, in such detail as the Commission shall prescribe, showing:~~

~~1. The sponsor's name, address, and business or occupation, and, if the sponsor is not an individual, the names, addresses, and titles of the controlling persons responsible for managing the sponsor's affairs;~~

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~~2. The names, addresses, and business or occupation of all persons organizing and managing the campaign, or hired to assist the campaign, including any public relations or advertising firms participating in the campaign, and the terms of compensation for all such persons;~~

~~3. The names and addresses of each person contributing \$25 or more to the campaign, and the aggregate amount contributed;~~

~~4. The purpose of the campaign, including the specific legislation, rates, standards, or proposals that are the subject matter of the campaign;~~

~~5. The totals of all expenditures made or incurred to date on behalf of the campaign segregated according to financial category, including but not limited to: advertising, segregated by media, and in the case of large expenditures (as provided by rule of the Commission), by outlet; contributions; entertainment, including food and refreshments; office expenses including rent and the salaries and wages paid for staff and secretarial assistance, or the proportionate amount paid or incurred for lobbying campaign activities; consultants; and printing and mailing expenses;~~

~~C. Every sponsor who has registered under this Section 2.06.115 shall file monthly reports with the Commission by the tenth day of the month for the activity during the preceding month. The reports shall update the information contained in the sponsor's registration statement and in prior reports and shall show contributions received and totals of expenditures made during the month, in the same manner as provided for in the registration statement;~~

~~D. When the campaign has been terminated, the sponsor shall file a notice of termination with the final monthly report;~~

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2. Cut references to Section 2.06.115 in Section 2.06.070 on page 10 of Council Bill 119968, as follows:

**2.06.070 Registration and ((Reporting)) reporting—Request for ((Exemption-)) exemption**

A. An exemption from the registration requirement of ((Section 2.06.020A(2)(g))) subsection 2.06.020.A.2.g ~~or 2.06.115.B~~ shall be granted by the Commission to a lobbyist's employer ~~or sponsor of a grassroots lobbying campaign~~ if such lobbyist's employer ~~or sponsor of a grassroots lobbying campaign~~ has applied in writing to the Commission for such exemption and has demonstrated by a reasonable probability that the compelled disclosure of identifying information under ((Section 2.06.020A(2)(g))) subsection 2.06.020.A.2.g ~~or 2.06.115.B~~ will subject those persons to threats, harassment, or reprisals from either government officials or private parties.

B. The decision to grant or deny an exemption from disclosure, with the reason or reasons therefor((e)), shall be set out in writing with a copy kept on file with the Executive Director.

**Effect:** The proposed amendment would remove requirements that sponsors of grassroots lobbying campaigns register with the Seattle Ethics and Elections Commission (SEEC). The amendment would also remove requirements that grassroots lobbying campaigns report on activities to the SEEC and would remove references to grassroots lobbying campaigns from the bill.