

## File a Formal Complaint - Mike P Tiufekchiev

**Mike P Tiufekchiev** reported 4 hours ago (Wed, 19 Oct at 10:54 AM) via Portal Meta

Hilary Franz violated the law by engaging in lobbying activities while not being a registered lobbyist in violation of the requirements set forth in RCW 42.17A.600.

That section requires that "Before lobbying, or within thirty days after being employed as a lobbyist, whichever occurs first, a lobbyist shall register by filing with the commission a lobbyist registration statement, in such detail as the commission shall prescribe [...]" The term "lobbying" is defined in RCW 42.17A.005(30) as "attempting to influence the passage or defeat of any legislation by the legislature of the state of Washington, or the adoption or rejection of any rule, standard, rate, or other legislative enactment of any state agency under the state administrative procedure act."

On several occasions Ms. Franz has boasted about work she has done "in Olympia" influencing legislation. For example on KING-5 TV she said the following "Having worked in the legislature to scare [sic] some of the largest transport-, funding like the largest transportation package in Washington's history. I have the experience in working across the aisle to get critical policies and funding implemented." She made several similar claims on TVW's program inside Olympia saying "we worked in the legislature to make sure that there was funding, and policy there for affordable housing" and "So I'll be fighting to make sure, working with the legislature like I have in the last five years." These quotes all describe activity that fits the definition of "lobbying" as defined in RCW 42.17A.005(30), yet Ms. Franz failed to register as a lobbyist as required by RCW 42.17A.600.

Washington State has a well-deserved reputation for open and transparent governance, and part of that openness comes from how our state deals with lobbyists and lobbying activities. If Ms. Franz was engaged in these activities influencing the laws of this state then she owed a duty to the citizens to register as required by law.

I request the PDC investigate this matter and take any and all proper remedial action.

-Mike P Tiufekchiev

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