

FOR LEGISLATORS

QUICK FACTS ABOUT INITIATIVE 276

1. Initiative 276 does not require you to report any expenditures made by lobbyists on your behalf. This is the responsibility of lobbyists.
2. Initiative 276 does not require you to disclose personal or individual clients or customers, only business or commercial type clients and customers.
3. Initiative 276 does not require you to disclose total assets or net worth.
4. Initiative 276 does not require reporting of your financial affairs until January, 1974, for calendar year 1973.

HOWEVER:

5. Initiative 276 does require you to file quarterly reports listing names, addresses, and salaries of staff members working on legislation. Section 19(1)
6. Initiative 276 does empower the Public Disclosure Commission to modify or suspend any or all reporting requirements on a showing of hardship. Sec. 37(9)
7. Initiative 276 requirements for financial reports by part time or unpaid officials will not discourage good people from seeking public office. This kind of reporting has been required of State Legislators and certain part time, unpaid appointed state officials (e.g. Community College Trustees, and citizen members of certain other state boards and commissions) since 1966 with no such adverse effect. (RCW 42.21.060)

For further help in separating fact from myth on Initiative 276 call or write Coalition for Open Government, 725 Central Building, Seattle, 98104, MA2 8333.