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## Campaign Finance Reform Blast

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We learn of more reform efforts. The Wisconsin legislature will be considering a set of reform bills that was introduced this month.

As usual, these bills face opposition, and there will be much negotiation and "horsetrading" if they are to pass.

Here in Colorado, we look forward to the next legislative session when the campaign finance reform bills from last session should be reintroduced. We will all have to let our legislators know that we support sensible campaign finance reform.

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## Wisconsin Introduces Campaign Finance Reform Bills

State Senator Chris Larson presented a package of bills to modify the state's campaign finance laws on 7 June 2017.

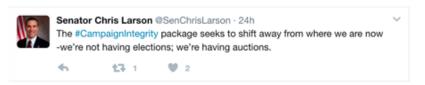




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According to a Wisconsin Public Radio report, bills in the "Campaign Integrity" package would keep corporate money out of political action committees (PACs). They would revamp the state's definition of a PAC. Campaign contribution limits would be lowered both for committees and individual candidates. The report notes: "With record GOP majorities in the state Assembly and Senate, the Democratic reform package faces an uphill battle. "

Senator Chris Larson, who sponsored the bills, has pointed out the urgency of the reforms on his Twitter account, saying "... we're not having elections; we're having auctions":



He has also noted that, in 1997, Governor Scott Walker (who was then a State Representative) called for all out-of-state contributors to reveal all funds spent in Wisconsin elections.

Critics object to disclosure requirements and limits to spending.

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