The following information is provided so that the legislature can consider various performance management principles when examining this proposal. It is as submitted by the agency, with editing by LFD staff as necessary for brevity and/or clarity.

Justification
The current paper-based system is both time intensive and error prone. Shifting to modern computer processes will simplify filing for most users, reduce errors, and ease public access to the data.

Goals
To allow easy-to-use electronic filing for candidates, committees, lobbyists and principals and to provide a convenient method for the public to access the data.

Performance Criteria
A project charter and a timeline for the project timeline is established to track progress.

Milestones
Testing will begin in FY 2008. The new system will be available to users for the 2008 campaign cycle and 2009 lobbyist reporting period.

FTE
Agency is contracting with IT personnel to complete the work.

Funding
Project will be 100 percent general fund.

Obstacles
The high costs and complexities of delivering IT projects are the biggest challenges. Further, since campaign and lobbying filing deadlines are firm, the tendency to miss implementation deadlines with these projects raises those attendant risks.

Risks
The risk of not implementing this project is the continuation of current inefficient processes and the related costs and difficulties for both staff and the public.

LFD Issue – *Performance Criteria are not Outlined or Time Framed*
The performance criteria outlined above does not include benchmarks to be attained through this project nor a timeline for project implementation. The legislature may wish to request more specific performance measures.

Introduction to performance plan write-ups:
The legislature considered various performance management principles when examining this proposal and approved its inclusion in the narrative. It is as submitted by the agency, with editing by LFD staff as necessary for brevity and/or clarity and changes as required by the legislature.

Conditional Appropriation Language
Commissioner of Political Practices
DP 1 Campaign Filing, Lobbyist/Principal Systems OTO

Campaign Filing, Lobbyist/Principal Systems includes funding for an annual report to the legislative finance committee for the following:

(1) progress toward the goals of easy-to-use electronic filing for candidates, committees, lobbyists, and principal, providing a convenient method for the public to access this data, and reduction of errors in the reports filed with the commissioner of political practices from July 1, 2007, through May 1, 2008; and

(2) attainment of the performance criteria as outlined in the project charter and timeline presented to the joint appropriations subcommittee on general government and transportation from July 1, 2007, through May 1, 2008.

If the report is not received by the legislative finance committee by June 30, 2008, the fiscal year 2009 appropriation is void.

Proposed Amendments to
SB 4 – Introduced version (white copy)

1. Page 1, line 14.
   Following: "All rebates"
   Strike: "collected"
   Insert: "credited to the department of administration

2. Page 1, line 18
   Following: "(b)"
   Strike: remainder of line 18-19 in their entirety
   Insert: "reimburse applicable funds to the federal government."

3. Page 1, line 20
   Insert: "(4) The unreserved, unexpended balance of the funds collected under this section must be deposited in the general fund by the close of the fiscal year."