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Walker campaign fund raising tops Doyle's

But governor has more cash on hand

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Madison — Milwaukee County Executive Scott Walker out-raised Gov. Jim Doyle in the first half of the year in the race for governor, but Doyle has more cash on hand.

Walker, a Republican hoping to unseat the Democratic incumbent, raised \$1.1 million and had that same amount on hand, according to a report filed Monday. Doyle raised \$903,586 but had more than \$2 million in his war chest.

In a statement, Michael Grebe, Walker's campaign chairman, highlighted the advantage Walker had in fund raising.

"That's clear evidence that voters want a new leader," Grebe said in the statement.

But Doyle campaign consultant Mike Edmondson said Doyle spent the first half of the year working on the state budget.

"Given the governor has been focused on his job as governor attracting jobs and protecting education, he has not been focused on campaigning," Edmondson said.

Doyle has not announced whether he will seek a third term in November 2010, but he is expected to run.

Former U.S. Rep. Mark Neumann of Nashotah also is running as a Republican but does not have to file a report because he announced his candidacy July 1 - after the reporting period ended.

Neumann would not say if he would put his personal cash into the race, but he indicated he could catch up with Walker and Doyle.

"Being behind at the end of the first quarter is not indicative of where you'll be at the end of the ball game," he said.

Businessman Mark Todd of Appleton, another Republican in the race, filed a report saying he had raised \$6,250 during the first half of the year.



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