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READ FIRST TIME 02/09/11.

AN ACT Relating to utility donations to hunger programs; adding a new section to chapter 54.16 RCW; adding a new section to chapter 35.92 RCW; and adding a new section to chapter 35A.80 RCW.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

5 <u>NEW SECTION.</u> Sec. 1. A new section is added to chapter 54.16 RCW 6 to read as follows:

7 (1) Public utility districts may request voluntary donations from8 their customers for the purpose of supporting hunger programs.

9 (2) Voluntary donations collected by public utility districts under 10 this section may be used by the public utility district to support the 11 maintenance and operation of hunger programs in the community.

12 (3) Donations received under this section do not contribute to the 13 gross income of a light and power business or gas distribution business 14 under chapter 82.16 RCW.

(4) Nothing in this section precludes a public utility districtfrom requesting voluntary donations to support other programs.

17 <u>NEW SECTION.</u> Sec. 2. A new section is added to chapter 35.92 RCW 18 to read as follows: (1) Municipal utilities under this chapter may request voluntary
 donations from their customers for the purpose of supporting hunger
 programs.

4 (2) Voluntary donations collected by municipal utilities under this
5 section may be used by the municipal utility to support the maintenance
6 and operation of hunger programs in the community.

7 (3) Donations received under this section do not contribute to the
8 gross income of a light and power business or gas distribution business
9 under chapter 82.16 RCW.

10 (4) Nothing in this section precludes a municipal utility from 11 requesting voluntary donations to support other programs.

12 <u>NEW SECTION.</u> Sec. 3. A new section is added to chapter 35A.80 RCW 13 to read as follows:

(1) Code cities providing utility services under this chapter may
 request voluntary donations from their customers for the purpose of
 supporting hunger programs.

17 (2) Voluntary donations collected by code cities under this section 18 may be used by the code city to support the maintenance and operation 19 of hunger programs in the community.

20 (3) Donations received under this section do not contribute to the 21 gross income of a light and power business or gas distribution business 22 under chapter 82.16 RCW.

(4) Nothing in this section precludes a code city providing utilityservices from requesting voluntary donations to support other programs.

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