
SUBSTITUTE SENATE BILL 5499

State of Washington 62nd Legislature 2011 Regular Session

By Senate Environment, Water & Energy (originally sponsored by Senators Chase, Kohl-Welles, and Shin)

READ FIRST TIME 02/18/11.

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

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

5 NEW SECTION. **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 from
8 their customers for the purpose of supporting hunger programs.

9 (2) Voluntary donations collected by public utility districts under
10 this section must 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.

15 (4) Nothing in this section precludes a public utility district
16 from requesting voluntary donations to support other programs.

17 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** A new section is added to chapter 35.92 RCW
18 to read as follows:

1 (1) Municipal utilities under this chapter may request voluntary
2 donations from their customers for the purpose of supporting hunger
3 programs.

4 (2) Voluntary donations collected by municipal utilities under this
5 section must be used by the municipal utility to support the
6 maintenance 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 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** A new section is added to chapter 35A.80 RCW
13 to read as follows:

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

17 (2) Voluntary donations collected by code cities under this section
18 must 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.

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

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