
Government Operations & Elections Committee

HB 1785

Brief Description: Authorizing de minimis use of state resources to provide information about programs that may be authorized payroll deductions.

Sponsors: Representatives Hunt, Kristiansen and Ryu.

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| <p style="text-align: center;">Brief Summary of Bill</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Allows a provider of payroll deduction programs use of state facilities to provide information to employees about the programs. |
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Hearing Date: 2/19/13

Staff: Caitlin Forsyth (786-5793) and Marsha Reilly (786-7135).

Background:

It is a violation of state ethics laws for a state officer or state employee to employ or use any person, money, or property under the officer's or employee's control or direction or in his or her official custody, for his or her private benefit or for the benefit of another. Occasional but limited use of state resources (de minimis exception) is allowed if there is no actual cost to the state or the cost to the state is so small as to be insignificant or negligible.

A state or other public employee may authorize payroll deductions for medical and hospital care, life, accident or health insurance, or retirement plans.

Summary of Bill:

A provider of payroll deduction programs may use state facilities to provide employees with information about the programs, such as:

- medical, surgical, and hospital care;

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- life insurance or accident and health disability insurance; or
- individual retirement accounts.

Appropriation: None.

Fiscal Note: Not requested.

Effective Date: The bill takes effect 90 days after adjournment of the session in which the bill is passed.