

SENATE BILL REPORT

HB 1293

As Reported By Senate Committee On:
State & Local Government, March 24, 1999

Title: An act relating to applying the same restrictions on soliciting and receiving contributions to persons who are newly elected as state officials that are applicable to state officials.

Brief Description: Regulating solicitation of contributions by newly elected state officials.

Sponsors: Representatives Campbell, Romero, McMorris, Lambert, Miloscia, D. Schmidt, Dunshee, Haigh, Bush and Esser.

Brief History:

Committee Activity: State & Local Government: 3/22/99, 3/24/99 [DP].

SENATE COMMITTEE ON STATE & LOCAL GOVERNMENT

Majority Report: Do pass.

Signed by Senators Patterson, Chair; Hale, Haugen, Horn, Kline and McCaslin.

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Background: A state official and persons employed by or acting on behalf of a state official, may not solicit or accept contributions to a public office fund, an authorized committee, or to retire a campaign debt during certain periods associated with legislative sessions. These periods include 30 days prior to a regular session, a regular session, 30 days after a regular session, and any special session.

Summary of Bill: The prohibition on state officials soliciting or accepting contributions 30 days prior to a legislative session is expanded to include persons who are newly elected as state officials.

Appropriation: None.

Fiscal Note: Not requested.

Effective Date: Ninety days after adjournment of session in which bill is passed.

Testimony For: It is only fair that a newly elected state official fall under the same freeze— as all other state officials.

Testimony Against: None.

Testified: Representative Tom Campbell, prime sponsor (pro).