

FINAL BILL REPORT

HB 1770

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Synopsis as Enacted

Brief Description: Allowing contributions to primary losers.

Sponsors: By Representatives McDermott, D. Schmidt, Haigh, Miloscia, Dunshee, McMorris, Morris, Romero, Esser, Lambert, Schindler, Dickerson and Ogden.

House Committee on State Government
Senate Committee on State & Local Government

Background:

With the exception of contributions from political parties and caucus committees, individual contributions to a state legislative candidate may not exceed an aggregate of \$600, and individual contributions to other state office candidates may not exceed an aggregate of \$1,200, for each election in which the candidate is on the ballot. Contributions for primary elections may not be made after the date of the primary, but contributions for general elections may be made until November 30th, the final day of the election cycle.

Summary:

Contributions to a candidate or candidate's committee for primary elections may be made for 30 days following the date of the primary if the candidate lost the primary, the candidate's committee has insufficient funds to pay debts that were outstanding the day of the primary, and the contribution is only raised and spent to satisfy the outstanding debt.

Votes on Final Passage:

House 98 0
Senate 33 16 (Senate amended)
House 88 0 (House concurred)

Effective: July 22, 2001