

SB 5711 - DIGEST

Provides that a labor organization that is an exclusive bargaining representative of a bargaining unit of employees covered under chapter 28B.52 RCW, chapter 41.56 RCW, chapter 41.59 RCW, chapter 41.76 RCW, chapter 41.80 RCW, or chapter 47.64 RCW, receiving dues deducted pursuant to an agency shop or other union security provision in the collective bargaining agreement covering those employees, must deposit all funds received in one or more identifiable deposit accounts maintained as required in this act.

Declares that funds from this account may be expended for any lawful purpose, but may not be expended to make contributions to political committees or for use as political contributions, or to operate a political committee or conduct grassroots activities beyond communicating to its own membership, except on the written request of the employee as provided in RCW 42.17.680.

Requires a labor organization or employee organization to notify bargaining unit employees of the intended use of funds expended from deposit accounts subject to this act.

Provides that a person or entity who violates any provision of this act is liable to the person from whose wages or salary the funds were deducted for three times the amount deducted or one thousand dollars, whichever is greater, and for costs and such reasonable attorneys' fees as may be allowed by the court.