

SENATE BILL REPORT

ESB 5424

AS PASSED SENATE, MARCH 12, 1991

Brief Description: Prohibiting the soliciting or accepting of campaign contributions during legislative sessions.

SPONSORS: Senators Erwin, Rasmussen, Nelson, A. Smith, Hayner, L. Kreidler, Newhouse and Thorsness.

SENATE COMMITTEE ON LAW & JUSTICE

Majority Report: Do pass.

Signed by Senators Nelson, Chairman; Thorsness, Vice Chairman; Erwin, Hayner, L. Kreidler, Madsen, Rasmussen, and A. Smith.

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Hearing Dates: February 15, 1991

BACKGROUND:

The campaign finance laws in Washington regulate fund-raising activity and campaign contributions. There is currently no statutory prohibition on contributions during legislative sessions.

SUMMARY:

Statewide officials, state legislators, and their employees may not solicit or accept campaign contributions during the period beginning 30 days prior to and ending 30 days past the close of a regular legislative session. The prohibition also applies during any special session of the Legislature.

Appropriation: none

Revenue: none

Fiscal Note: none requested

TESTIMONY FOR: None

TESTIMONY AGAINST: None

TESTIFIED: No one