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**By** House Committee on State Government (originally sponsored by Representatives Ogden, Wood, Pruitt, Dellwo, Paris, Winsley, R. King, O'Brien, Ludwig, Jacobsen, Ferguson, Sheldon, Brekke and Anderson; by request of Department of Community Development)

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1 AN ACT Relating to the center for volunteerism and citizen service;  
2 and amending RCW 43.150.010, 43.150.020, 43.150.030, 43.150.040,  
3 43.150.050, 43.150.060, and 43.150.070.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

5 **Sec. 1.** RCW 43.150.010 and 1982 1st ex.s. c 11 s 1 are each  
6 amended to read as follows:

7 (1) The legislature finds that:

8 (a) Large numbers of Washington's citizens are actively engaged in  
9 carrying forward the ethic of service and voluntary activities that  
10 benefit their citizens, their communities, and the entire state;

11 (b) ~~((Volunteers, working on their own and with agencies and~~  
12 ~~organizations, are involved in the development and enhancement of all~~  
13 ~~areas of community service and activity;~~

1       ~~(e) The~~) This contribution ((thus made)) continues to provide((s))  
2 the equivalent of hundreds of millions of dollars in services that  
3 might otherwise create a need for additional tax collections;

4       ~~((d) The state itself, through the programs and services of its~~  
5 ~~agencies as well as through the provisions of law and rule making, has~~  
6 ~~a substantial impact on volunteer efforts and programs;~~

7       ~~(e) Public and private agencies depend in large measure on the~~  
8 ~~efforts of volunteers for the accomplishment of their missions and~~  
9 ~~actively seek to increase these efforts;~~

10       ~~(f) Business, industry, and labor in Washington state are~~  
11 ~~increasingly interested in opportunities for community service;~~

12       ~~(g) Many needs remain which could and should be met by volunteers~~  
13 ~~working on their own and through local and state wide organizations,~~  
14 ~~both governmental and private, nonprofit agencies;~~

15       ~~(h) Many Washington citizens have yet to become fully involved in~~  
16 ~~the life of their communities;~~

17       ~~(i) The opportunity exists to encourage greater and more effective~~  
18 ~~involvement of volunteers in the provision of needed community~~  
19 ~~services; and~~

20       ~~(j) Planned and coordinated recognition, information, training, and~~  
21 ~~technical assistance for volunteer efforts through a state wide center~~  
22 ~~for voluntary action have been proven to be effective means of~~  
23 ~~multiplying the resources volunteers bring to the needs of their~~  
24 ~~communities.)~~

25       (c) Many Washington citizens have yet to become fully involved in  
26 the life of their communities; many societal needs exist that could and  
27 should be met by new citizen service initiatives;

28       (d) The state of Washington needs to continue to encourage and  
29 expand the ethic of civic responsibility among its citizenry, through

1 individuals working on their own, and through local and state-wide  
2 organizations, both governmental and private and nonprofit agencies;

3 (e) This ethic of citizen service benefits those who serve and  
4 those who receive services; in both cases there is the betterment of  
5 all Washington communities;

6 (f) Public and private agencies depend in large measure on the  
7 efforts of volunteers for the accomplishment of their missions and  
8 actively seek to increase these efforts;

9 (g) State agencies can and should extend their service delivery  
10 programs through the increased use of and support for volunteers;

11 (h) The national and community service act of 1990 provides an  
12 opportunity for Washington to support citizen service and volunteer  
13 activities in Washington;

14 (i) Business, industry, communities, schools, and labor in  
15 Washington state are increasingly interested in opportunities for  
16 community service and in developing the volunteer and service ethic;

17 (j) While providing both tangible and intangible benefits,  
18 volunteers in turn need respect and support for their efforts;

19 (k) The state itself, through the programs and services of its  
20 agencies as well as through the provisions of law and rulemaking, can  
21 and should provide a primary role and focus for encouraging the ethic  
22 of citizen service and support for volunteer efforts and programs;

23 (l) Planned and coordinated recognition, information, training, and  
24 technical assistance for volunteer and citizen service efforts through  
25 a state-wide center for voluntary action have been proven to be  
26 effective means of multiplying the resources volunteers bring to the  
27 needs of their communities; and

28 (m) It is important that Washington state position itself to raise  
29 volunteerism to the highest attainable levels, and along with the

1 private sector, become a voice in the role citizen service will take in  
2 providing solutions to societal needs.

3 (2) Therefore, the legislature, in recognition of these findings,  
4 enacts the center for ((Voluntary Action)) volunteerism and citizen  
5 service act to ensure that the state of Washington actively promotes  
6 the ethic of service and makes every appropriate effort to encourage  
7 effective involvement of individuals in their communities and of  
8 volunteers who supplement the services of private, nonprofit community  
9 agencies and organizations, agencies of local government throughout the  
10 state, and the state government.

11 **Sec. 2.** RCW 43.150.020 and 1982 1st ex.s. c 11 s 2 are each  
12 amended to read as follows:

13 This chapter may be known and cited as the center for ((Voluntary  
14 Action)) volunteerism and citizen service act.

15 **Sec. 3.** RCW 43.150.030 and 1982 1st ex.s. c 11 s 3 are each  
16 amended to read as follows:

17 Unless the context clearly requires otherwise, the definitions in  
18 this section apply throughout this chapter.

19 (1) "Volunteer" means a person who is willing to work without  
20 expectation of salary or financial reward and who chooses where he or  
21 she provides services and the type of services he or she provides.

22 (2) "Center" means the state center for ((voluntary action))  
23 volunteerism and citizen service.

24 (3) "Council" means the Washington state council on ((voluntary  
25 action)) volunteerism and citizen service.

26 **Sec. 4.** RCW 43.150.040 and 1985 c 6 s 11 are each amended to read  
27 as follows:

1 The governor may establish a state-wide center for (~~voluntary~~  
2 ~~action~~) volunteerism and citizen service within the department of  
3 community development and appoint (~~a coordinator~~) an executive  
4 administrator, who may employ such staff as necessary to carry out the  
5 purposes of this chapter. The provisions of chapter 41.06 RCW do not  
6 apply to the (~~coordinator~~) executive administrator and the staff.

7 **Sec. 5.** RCW 43.150.050 and 1988 c 206 s 301 are each amended to  
8 read as follows:

9 The center, working in cooperation with individuals, local groups,  
10 and organizations throughout the state, may undertake any program or  
11 activity for which funds are available which furthers the goals of this  
12 chapter. These programs and activities may include, but are not  
13 limited to:

14 (1) Providing information about programs, activities, and resources  
15 of value to volunteers and to organizations operating or planning  
16 volunteer or citizen service programs;

17 (2) Sponsoring recognition events for outstanding individuals and  
18 organizations;

19 (3) Facilitating the involvement of business, industry, government,  
20 and labor in community service and betterment;

21 (4) Organizing, or assisting in the organization of, training  
22 workshops and conferences;

23 (5) Publishing schedules of significant events, lists of published  
24 materials, accounts of successful programs and programming techniques,  
25 and other information concerning the field of volunteerism and citizen  
26 service, and distributing this information broadly;

27 (6) Reviewing the laws and rules of the state of Washington, and  
28 proposed changes therein, to determine their impact on the success of  
29 volunteer activities and programs, and recommending such changes as

1 seem appropriate to ensure the achievement of the goals of this  
2 chapter;

3 (7) Seeking funding sources for enhancing, promoting, and  
4 supporting the ethic of service and facilitating or providing  
5 information to those organizations and agencies which may benefit;

6 (8) Providing information about agencies and individuals who are  
7 working to prevent the spread of the human immunodeficiency virus, as  
8 defined in chapter 70.24 RCW, and to agencies and individuals who are  
9 working to provide health and social services to persons with acquired  
10 immunodeficiency syndrome, as defined in chapter 70.24 RCW.

11 **Sec. 6.** RCW 43.150.060 and 1987 c 505 s 39 are each amended to  
12 read as follows:

13 (1) There is created the Washington state council on (~~voluntary~~  
14 ~~action~~) volunteerism and citizen service to assist the governor and  
15 the center in the accomplishment of its mission.

16 (2) (~~Giving due consideration to geographic representation,~~) The  
17 governor shall appoint the members of the council as provided in this  
18 section. In making appointments to the council, the governor shall  
19 give due consideration to geographic, age, and ethnic representation.  
20 The governor shall also consider individuals involved in citizen  
21 service from private and public nonprofit organizations, state and  
22 local government, labor organizations and the business community, and  
23 educational institutions, as well as youth and low-income individuals  
24 who are involved in citizen service.

25 (3) The governor shall appoint a chair for the council.

26 (4) The advisory council shall have an odd number of members,  
27 including its chair, appointed or reappointed for three-year terms,  
28 with a total membership of no less than fifteen and no more than  
29 (~~twenty-one~~) twenty-five.

1 (5) Members of the council shall upon request be reimbursed for  
2 travel expenses as provided in RCW 43.03.050 and 43.03.060.

3 (6) The council and its members shall:

4 (a) Advise the governor as the governor may request and direct;

5 (b) Propose, review, and evaluate activities and programs of the  
6 center and, to the degree practical, advocate decentralization of the  
7 center's activities, facilitate but not require or hinder existing  
8 local volunteer services, and not advocate the replacement of needed  
9 paid staff with volunteers; ~~((and))~~

10 (c) Seek additional funding sources, particularly federal grants if  
11 appropriate, that will support, promote, and enhance the ethic of  
12 citizen service throughout the state; and

13 (d) Represent the governor and the center on such occasions and in  
14 such manner as the governor may from time to time provide.

15 **Sec. 7.** RCW 43.150.070 and 1982 1st ex.s. c 11 s 7 are each  
16 amended to read as follows:

17 (1) The center may receive such gifts, grants, and endowments from  
18 private or public sources as may be made from time to time, in trust or  
19 otherwise, for the use and benefit of the purpose of the center and  
20 expend the same or any income therefrom according to the terms of the  
21 gifts, grants, or endowments. The center may charge reasonable fees,  
22 or other appropriate charges, for attendance at workshops and  
23 conferences, for various publications and other materials which it is  
24 authorized to prepare and distribute for the purpose of defraying all  
25 or part of the costs of those activities and materials.

26 (2) A fund known as the voluntary action center fund is created,  
27 which consists of all gifts, grants, and endowments, fees, and other  
28 revenues received pursuant to this chapter. The state treasurer is the  
29 custodian of the fund. Disbursements from the fund shall be on

1 authorization of the (~~coordinator~~) executive administrator of the  
2 center or the (~~coordinator's~~) administrator's designee, and may be  
3 made for the following purposes to enhance the capabilities of the  
4 center's activities, such as: (a) Reimbursement of center volunteers  
5 for travel expenses as provided in RCW 43.03.050 and 43.03.060; (b)  
6 publication and distribution of materials involving volunteerism and  
7 citizen service; (c) for other purposes designated in gifts, grants, or  
8 endowments consistent with the purposes of this chapter. The fund is  
9 subject to the allotment procedure provided under chapter 43.88 RCW,  
10 but no appropriation is required for disbursements.