## FINAL BILL REPORT SB 5156

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Synopsis as Enacted

**Brief Description:** Describing the duties of the combined fund drive.

**Sponsors:** Senators Winsley, Fraser, Jacobsen and Haugen.

Senate Committee on Government Operations & Elections House Committee on State Government

**Background:** The Washington Combined Fund Drive (CFD) is the organization within the Washington State government through which state employees and public agency retirees can make charitable donations to nonprofit organizations. The CFD is run by a governor-appointed committee responsible for setting policy and conducting the annual CFD campaign.

**Summary:** Powers and duties of the CFD are listed to include, but are not limited to, raising money for charity and reducing the disruption to government through multiple fund drives; establishing criteria for public or private nonprofit organizations to participate in the CFD; encouraging fund-raising activities; requesting the appointment of employees to lead workplace charitable giving campaigns; engaging in educational activities; accepting gifts and grants; and charging an administrative fee to oversee the program.

The CFD committee can be created by rule and is authorized to enter into contracts and partnerships with private institutions, persons, firms or corporations for the benefit of the CFD. Activities of the CFD must not result in direct commercial solicitation of state employees, or a benefit or advantage that would violate state ethics laws.

## **Votes on Final Passage:**

Senate 47 0

House 89 0 (House amended) Senate 48 0 (Senate concurred)

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