
**State Government & Tribal
Affairs Committee**

HB 1551

Brief Description: Allowing public funding of local office campaigns.

Sponsors: Representatives McDermott, Miloscia, McIntire, Fromhold, Dunshee, Cody, Green, Ormsby, Appleton, Hunt, Chase, Schual-Berke, Sells, Roberts, Hasegawa, Kagi, Moeller, Pedersen and Rolfes.

Brief Summary of Bill

- Allows the use of public funds to finance campaigns for local office.

Hearing Date: 2/7/07

Staff: Alison Hellberg (786-7152).

Background:

The Fair Campaign Practices Act, enacted as part of Initiative 134 in 1992, imposes campaign contribution limits on elections for state office. It also prohibits the use of public funds to finance political campaigns for state or local office. The Public Disclosure Commission is responsible for enforcing campaign finance laws.

Summary of Bill:

The prohibition against the use of public funds to finance campaigns for local office is removed.

Appropriation: None.

Fiscal Note: Not requested.

Effective Date: The bill takes effect 90 days after adjournment of session in which bill is passed.

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