

SENATE BILL REPORT

SB 5528

As of February 3, 2015

Title: An act relating to contributions from political committees to other political committees.

Brief Description: Concerning contributions from political committees to other political committees.

Sponsors: Senators Billig, Fain, Liias, Roach, Darneille, Mullet, McAuliffe and Hasegawa.

Brief History:

Committee Activity: Government Operations & Security: 2/05/15.

SENATE COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS & SECURITY

Staff: Samuel Brown (786-7470)

Background: Initiative 276, passed by the voters in 1972, created the five-member, bi-partisan Public Disclosure Commission to enforce provisions of campaign finance disclosure law, including campaign contribution limits and other requirements applicable to political committees.

An organization is considered a political committee if one of its primary purposes is to affect governmental decisionmaking by supporting or opposing candidates or ballot measures. A political committee may only make a contribution to another political committee when the contributing political committee has received contributions of at least \$10 each from ten or more registered Washington voters.

Summary of Bill: A political committee may not receive 70 percent or more of its funds from another political committee, either directly or indirectly through any combination of other or intermediary political committees.

Appropriation: None.

Fiscal Note: Not requested.

Committee/Commission/Task Force Created: No.

Effective Date: Ninety days after adjournment of session in which bill is passed.

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