
SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL 2942

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By House Committee on Appropriations (originally sponsored by Representatives Appelwick and Conway)

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1 AN ACT Relating to legal aid programs; and amending RCW 43.08.260.

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

3 **Sec. 1.** RCW 43.08.260 and 1995 c 399 s 62 are each amended to read
4 as follows:

5 (1) Any money appropriated from the public safety and education
6 account pursuant to RCW 43.08.250 for civil representation of indigent
7 persons shall be used solely for the purpose of contracting with
8 qualified legal aid programs for legal representation of indigent
9 persons in matters relating to: (a) Domestic relations and family law
10 matters, (b) public assistance, health care, and entitlement programs,
11 (c) public housing and utilities, and (d) unemployment compensation.
12 For purposes of this section, a "qualified legal aid program" means a
13 not-for-profit corporation incorporated and operating exclusively in
14 Washington which has received basic field funding for the provision of
15 civil legal services to indigents under Public Law 101-515 or the
16 successor of such a corporation.

17 (2) Funds distributed to qualified legal aid programs under this
18 section shall be distributed on a basis proportionate to the number of
19 individuals with incomes below the official federal poverty income

1 guidelines who reside within the counties in the geographic service
2 areas of such programs. The department of community, trade, and
3 economic development shall use the same formula for determining this
4 distribution as is used by the legal services corporation in allocating
5 funds for basic field services in the state of Washington.

6 (3)(a) Funds distributed to qualified legal aid programs under this
7 section may not be used directly or indirectly for lobbying or in class
8 action suits. Further, these funds are subject to all limitations and
9 conditions imposed on use of funds made available to legal aid programs
10 under the legal services corporation act of 1974 (P.L. 93-355; P.L. 95-
11 222) as currently in effect or hereafter amended.

12 (b)(i) For purposes of this section, "lobbying" means any personal
13 service, advertisement, telegram, telephone communication, letter,
14 printed or written matter, or other device directly or indirectly
15 intended to influence any member of congress or any other federal,
16 state, or local nonjudicial official, whether elected or appointed:

17 (A) In connection with any act, bill, resolution, or similar
18 legislation by the congress of the United States or by any state or
19 local legislative body, or any administrative rule, standard, rate, or
20 other enactment by any federal, state, or local administrative agency;

21 (B) In connection with any referendum, initiative, constitutional
22 amendment, or any similar procedure of the congress, any state
23 legislature, any local council, or any similar governing body acting in
24 a legislative capacity; or

25 (C) In connection with inclusion of any provision in a legislative
26 measure appropriating funds to, or defining or limiting the functions
27 or authority of, the recipient of funds pursuant to chapter 54, Laws of
28 1992.

29 (ii) "Lobbying" does not include the response of an employee of a
30 legal aid program to a written request from a governmental agency, an
31 elected or appointed official, or committee on a specific matter. This
32 exception does not authorize communication with anyone other than the
33 requesting party, or agent or employee of such agency, official, or
34 committee.

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