

SENATE BILL REPORT

SHB 2649

As Reported By Senate Committee On:
Energy, Technology & Telecommunications, February 24, 2000

Title: An act relating to providing information services to public benefit nonprofit corporations.

Brief Description: Granting the department of information services the authority to provide services to nonprofit organizations.

Sponsors: House Committee on Technology, Telecommunications & Energy (originally sponsored by Representatives Wolfe, Radcliff and Ruderman; by request of Department of Information Services).

Brief History:

Committee Activity: Energy, Technology & Telecommunications: 2/17/2000, 2/24/2000 [DP].

SENATE COMMITTEE ON ENERGY, TECHNOLOGY & TELECOMMUNICATIONS

Majority Report: Do pass.

Signed by Senators Brown, Chair; Goings, Vice Chair; Fairley and Fraser.

Staff: William Bridges (786-7424)

Background: The Department of Information Services (DIS) provides services, such as SCAN long distance service, to about 33 public benefit nonprofit organizations on a full cost recovery basis. Concerns have been raised that DIS may lack the statutory authority to provide services to these organizations.

Summary of Bill: DIS is granted express authority to provide services to public benefit nonprofit organizations on a full cost recovery basis.

Appropriation: None.

Fiscal Note: Not requested.

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

Testimony For: This is a simple bill that allows DIS to offer services to nonprofits that receive at least 50 percent of their funding from the public. DIS buys services from the private sector; it does not compete with the private sector.

Testimony Against: None.

Testified: PRO: Rep. Cathy Wolfe, prime sponsor; Sam Hunt, DIS.