

# SENATE BILL REPORT

## SB 6540

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As Passed Senate, February 16, 2010

**Title:** An act relating to the combined fund drive.

**Brief Description:** Transferring the combined fund drive from the department of personnel to the secretary of state.

**Sponsors:** Senators Fairley, Swecker, King, Parlette, Fraser, Pridemore, Shin and Roach; by request of Secretary of State and Department of Personnel.

**Brief History:**

**Committee Activity:** Government Operations & Elections: 1/26/10 [DP].  
Passed Senate: 2/16/10, 48-0.

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### SENATE COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS & ELECTIONS

**Majority Report:** Do pass.

Signed by Senators Fairley, Chair; Oemig, Vice Chair; Roach, Ranking Minority Member; McDermott, Pridemore and Swecker.

**Staff:** Sharon Swanson (786-7447)

**Background:** The Combined Fund Drive (CFD) began in 1984 and is Washington State's workplace giving program for current and retired public employees. The program allows employees to make donations via check or payroll deduction to their favorite charities. The CFD is currently located under the Department of Personnel.

**Summary of Bill:** The CFD is transferred from the Department of Personnel to the Office of the Secretary of State.

The Washington State CFD account is transferred from the Department of Personnel to the Office of the Secretary of State.

All powers, duties and functions related to the CFD are transferred from the Department of Personnel to the Office of the Secretary of State.

**Appropriation:** None.

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**Fiscal Note:** Available.

**Committee/Commission/Task Force Created:** No.

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

**Staff Summary of Public Testimony:** PRO: This is a great opportunity to consolidate the services provided by the CFD and the Secretary of State. The CFD has been enormously successful and the Secretary of State is a huge advocate of the program. The change is cost neutral to the state and all charities are required to register with the Secretary of State. This change makes sense.

**Persons Testifying:** PRO: Eva Santos, Department of Personnel; Sam Reed, Secretary of State.