

5149-S

Sponsor(s): Senate Committee on Law & Justice (originally sponsored by Senators Nelson and Rasmussen; by request of Public Disclosure Commission)

Brief Description: Regulating political gifts and public office funds.

SB 5149-S.E - DIGEST

(DIGEST AS ENACTED)

Provides a definition of a "gift."
Requires every official to file a statement describing any gifts received during the year.
Revises regulations for maintenance and reporting of any public office funds.

VETO MESSAGE ON SB 5149-S

July 2, 1991

To the Honorable, the Senate
of the State of Washington
Ladies and Gentlemen:

I am returning herewith, without my approval as to section 5, Engrossed Substitute Senate Bill No. 5149 entitled:

"AN ACT Relating to gifts and public office funds."

This bill represents a positive step in the area of public disclosure by requiring lobbyists and public officials to report certain gifts. The bill contains an emergency clause making the disclosure requirements effective immediately. The bill was originally proposed by the Public Disclosure Commission and did not contain any emergency clause. A short period of time is required to allow both the Commission and the approximately five thousand individuals affected by this bill to set up reporting procedures and record-keeping mechanisms. The Public Disclosure Commission agrees that a veto of the emergency clause is appropriate. For this reason, I have vetoed the emergency clause set out in section 5.

With the exception of section 5, Engrossed Substitute Senate Bill No. 5149 is approved.

Respectfully submitted,
Booth Gardner
Governor