
SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL 2591

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By House Committee on Government Administration (originally sponsored by Representatives Dyer, D. Schmidt, Clements, L. Thomas, Lisk, Zellinsky, Huff, B. Thomas and Schoesler)

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1 AN ACT Relating to prohibiting state agencies from soliciting
2 vendors and contractors to lobby the legislature; and adding a new
3 section to chapter 41.04 RCW.

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

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 41.04 RCW
6 to read as follows:

7 (1) An employee or officer of a state agency may not request,
8 demand, or pressure vendors or contractors from whom the state agency
9 makes purchases or contracts for services, construction, or
10 maintenance, to lobby or contact the legislature, including members of
11 the legislature or legislative staff, regarding proposed or pending
12 legislation.

13 (2) Subsection (1) of this section only prohibits communications
14 between an employee or officer of a state agency and a vendor or
15 contractor that are explicitly or implicitly coercive in nature where
16 the vendor or contractor fears, or has reason to fear, loss of
17 contracts or interference with contractual relationships by the state
18 agency if the vendor or contractor fails to lobby or make such
19 legislative contacts.

1 (3) As used in this section, the term "state agency" means a board,
2 commission, bureau, committee, department, institution, division,
3 educational institution, or tribunal of the executive branch of state
4 government, but does not include an elected official of the executive
5 branch of state government.

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