

# HOUSE BILL REPORT

## HB 1293

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### As Passed House:

March 4, 1999

**Title:** An act relating to applying the same restrictions on soliciting and receiving contributions to persons who are newly elected as state officials that are applicable to state officials.

**Brief Description:** Regulating solicitation of contributions by newly elected state officials.

**Sponsors:** Representatives Campbell, Romero, McMorris, Lambert, Miloscia, D. Schmidt, Dunshee, Haigh, Bush and Esser.

### Brief History:

#### Committee Activity:

State Government: 2/2/99, 2/19/99 [DP].

#### Floor Activity:

Passed House: 3/4/99, 96-0.

### Brief Summary of Bill

- Precludes newly elected state officials from accepting or soliciting contributions during the 30 day period prior to the first legislative session after they are elected.

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## HOUSE COMMITTEE ON STATE GOVERNMENT

**Majority Report:** Do pass. Signed by 8 members: Representatives McMorris, Republican Co-Chair; Romero, Democratic Co-Chair; Campbell, Republican Vice Chair; Miloscia, Democratic Vice Chair; Dunshee; Haigh; Lambert and D. Schmidt.

**Staff:** Steve Lundin (786-7127).

### Background:

A state official, and persons employed by or acting on behalf of a state official, may not solicit or accept contributions to a public office fund, an authorized committee, or to

retire a campaign debt during certain periods associated with legislative sessions. These periods include 30 days prior to a regular session, a regular session, 30 days after a regular session, and any special session.

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**Summary of Bill:**

The prohibition on state officials soliciting or accepting contributions 30 days prior to a legislative session is expanded to include persons who are newly elected as state officials.

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**Appropriation:** None.

**Fiscal Note:** Not requested.

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

**Testimony For:** None.

**Testimony Against:** None.

**Testified:** None.