

HOUSE BILL REPORT

HB 1293

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.

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.

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.

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.