
HOUSE BILL 1628

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1 AN ACT Relating to humanitarian relief and assistance; adding a new
2 section to chapter 43.01 RCW; adding a new section to chapter 43.08
3 RCW; and creating a new section.

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

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** (1) The legislature finds that:

6 (a) Washington state is the most trade-dependent state in the
7 United States;

8 (b) The state's economy and economic well-being depend heavily on
9 foreign trade and international relations;

10 (c) It is important to the economic future of the state to promote
11 international awareness and understanding; and

12 (d) Enhanced international trade, cultural, and educational
13 opportunities are developed when governments reach out.

14 (2) The legislature declares that the purpose of this act is to
15 enhance Washington state's ability to develop relationships and
16 contacts throughout the world enabling us to expand international
17 education and trade opportunities for all citizens of the state.

1 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** A new section is added to chapter 43.01 RCW
2 to read as follows:

3 (1)(a) A humanitarian relief council is created comprised of the
4 governor, the lieutenant governor, and the secretary of state.

5 (b) The council shall determine which disasters and hardships
6 qualify for state support and how much the state will contribute from
7 the world-wide humanitarian relief treasury account created in
8 subsection (2) of this section. The council shall coordinate its
9 assistance with recognized relief agencies so as to not duplicate
10 efforts or waste state money.

11 (c) The council shall consult with the emergency management board
12 and establish necessary criteria for receiving assistance from the
13 state.

14 (d) The council shall adopt rules to implement this subsection.

15 (e) Staff support for the council shall be provided by the
16 department of community, trade, and economic development, the
17 department of agriculture, and the military department.

18 (2) The world-wide humanitarian relief treasury account is created
19 in the state treasury. All receipts from revenues as determined under
20 section 3 of this act must be deposited into the account. Moneys in
21 the account may be spent only after appropriation. Expenditures from
22 the account may be used only for humanitarian relief.

23 (3)(a) The council may accept gifts, grants, conveyances, bequests,
24 and devises, of real or personal property, or both, in trust or
25 otherwise, and sell, lease, exchange, invest, or expend these donations
26 or the proceeds, rents, profits, and income from the donations except
27 as limited by the donor's terms. The council shall adopt rules to
28 govern and protect the receipt and expenditure of the proceeds.

29 (b) The humanitarian relief account is created in the custody of
30 the state treasurer. All receipts from gifts, grants, conveyances,
31 bequests, and devises under this subsection must be deposited into the
32 account. Expenditures from the account may be used only for
33 humanitarian relief. Only the humanitarian relief council or the
34 council's designee may authorize expenditures from the account. The
35 account is subject to allotment procedures under chapter 43.88 RCW, but
36 an appropriation is not required for expenditures.

37 (4) This section shall be known as the good samaritan act.

1 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** A new section is added to chapter 43.08 RCW
2 to read as follows:

3 On June 30th of every year, the treasurer shall deposit 0.1 percent
4 of all revenues received in the general fund for that fiscal year
5 derived from state tax sources into the world-wide humanitarian relief
6 treasury account created in section 2 of this act.

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