

State Government Committee

SB 5188

Brief Description: *Providing an alternative manner of dispersing surplus political funds.*

Sponsors: *By Senator McCaslin.*

Brief Summary of Bill

- *Surplus funds of a candidate or a political committee may be donated to a school, school district, or educational service district.*

Hearing Date: *3/21/01*

Staff: *Jim Morishima (786-7191).*

Background:

After a campaign, the surplus funds of a candidate or a political committee supporting or opposing a candidate may be disposed of in several ways:

- *The surplus may be returned to contributors in an amount not exceeding their original contributions;*
- *The surplus may be transferred to the candidate as reimbursement for lost earnings incurred as a result of the campaign.*
- *The surplus may be transferred to a political party or a caucus political committee;*
- *The surplus may be donated to a charity;*
- *The surplus may be given to the state;*
- *The surplus may be retained in a campaign depository for use in a future campaign;*
and
- *The surplus may be retained in a separate account for non-reimbursed public office-related expenses.*

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district, or educational service district.

Rulemaking Authority: *No express authority.*

Appropriation: *None.*

Fiscal Note: *Not Requested.*

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