

2366-S

Sponsor(s): House Committee on Appropriations (originally sponsored by Representatives Ogden, Woods, Romero, Skinner and Chase; by request of Secretary of State)

Brief Description: Funding and authorizing expenditures of the secretary of state.

HB 2366-S - DIGEST

(DIGEST AS ENACTED)

Authorizes the secretary of state to fund oral history activities through donations as provided in RCW 43.07.037. The activities may include, but not be limited to, conducting interviews, preparing and indexing transcripts, publishing transcripts and photographs, and presenting displays and programs. Donations that do not meet the criteria of the oral history program may not be accepted.

Authorizes the archivist to solicit, accept, and expend donations as provided in RCW 43.07.037 for the purpose of the archive program. These purposes include, but are not limited to, acquisition, accession, interpretation, and display of archival materials. Donations that do not meet the criteria of the archive program may not be accepted.

VETO MESSAGE ON HB 2366-S

April 4, 2002

To the Honorable Speaker and Members,

The House of Representatives of the State of Washington

Ladies and Gentlemen:

I am returning herewith, without my approval as to sections 1, 2, 5 and 6, Substitute House Bill No. 2366 entitled:

"AN ACT Relating to funding and expenditures of the secretary of state;"

Current law authorizes the Office of the Secretary of State to accept private donations for its programs, subject to rules established by the Secretary and the appropriation process. I support those portions of this bill that clarify that donations received by the Secretary of State may be used to fund oral history and state archival activities.

However, neither the Constitution nor laws of the State of Washington assign the Secretary of State significant responsibilities in the area of international trade. It is neither necessary nor appropriate for the Secretary of State to solicit or accept donations, or maintain a dedicated account, for purposes of international trade hosting or missions. To expand the Secretary of State's authority to those areas, as opposed to cross-cultural or goodwill programs, would create potential for inconsistency and conflict with the Office of Trade and Economic Development, the Department of Agriculture, the Office of International Relations and Protocol, the International Trade Office and other state agencies that do not report to the Secretary.

For these reasons, I have vetoed sections 1, 2, 5 and 6 of Substitute House Bill No. 2366.

With the exception of sections 1, 2, 5 and 6, Substitute House Bill No. 2366 is approved.

Respectfully submitted,
Gary Locke
Governor