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Sponsor(s): Senate Committee on Commerce & Trade (originally sponsored by Senators Hewitt, T. Sheldon, Rasmussen, Franklin, Shin, Rossi, Hale and B. Sheldon; by request of Lieutenant Governor)

Brief Description: Creating the legislative international trade account.

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(DIGEST AS ENACTED)

Creates the legislative international trade account in the custody of the state treasurer. All moneys received by the president of the senate and the secretary of state from gifts, grants, and endowments for international trade hosting, international relations, and international missions activities must be deposited in the account. Only private, nonpublic gifts, grants, and endowments may be deposited in the account.

Provides that a person, as defined in RCW 42.52.010, may not donate, gift, grant, or endow more than five thousand dollars per calendar year to the legislative international trade account. Expenditures from the account may be used only for the purposes of international trade hosting, international relations, and international trade mission activities, excluding travel and lodging, in which the president and members of the senate, members of the house of representatives, and the secretary of state participate in an official capacity.

Provides that, when soliciting charitable gifts, grants, or donations solely for the legislative international trade account created in this act, the president of the senate is presumed not to be in violation of the solicitation and receipt of gift provisions in RCW 42.52.140.

Provides that, when soliciting charitable gifts, grants, or donations solely for the legislative international trade account created in this act, state officers and state employees are presumed not to be in violation of the solicitation and receipt of gift provisions in RCW 42.52.140.

Requires an annual report of the legislative international trade account activities, including a list of receipts and expenditures, to be published by the president of the senate and submitted to the house of representatives and the senate and be a public record for the purposes of RCW 42.17.260.