

# FINAL BILL REPORT

## SHB 2419

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Synopsis as Enacted

**Brief Description:** Raising funds for hosting the national conference of lieutenant governors.

**Sponsors:** By House Committee on State Government Operations & Accountability (originally sponsored by Representatives Haigh, Nixon, Clibborn and McDermott; by request of Lieutenant Governor).

### House Committee on State Government Operations & Accountability

#### Background:

The State Ethics Act prohibits state officers and state employees from accepting gifts with an aggregate value of \$50 or more during any calendar year from any single source. Gifts may not be accepted under circumstances where the gifts would be considered as part of a reward for action or inaction, or could be reasonably expected to influence the state officers and employees' actions or official judgment.

For the purposes of hosting a national legislative association conference in Washington, legislative officers and employees may solicit and accept gifts, grants, or donations without regard to the \$50 limitation.

#### Summary:

The State Ethics Act is changed to allow the Lieutenant Governor and his or her staff to solicit and accept gifts, grants, or donations beyond the \$50 limitation for purposes of hosting the 2006 official conference of the National Lieutenant Governors' Association.

#### Votes on Final Passage:

House	93	2
Senate	48	0

**Effective:** February 7, 2006