

**HB 1944-S - DIGEST**

(AS OF HOUSE 2ND READING 2/11/06)

Provides that, when soliciting gifts, grants, or donations solely to support the charitable activities of state employees permitted under chapter 9.46 RCW, the 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.

Declares that, for purposes of this act, activities are deemed to be charitable if the activities are devoted to the purposes authorized under RCW 9.46.0209 for charitable and nonprofit organizations listed in that section, or are in support of the activities of those charitable or nonprofit organizations.

Provides that a raffle conducted by employees of a state agency, as "agency" is defined in RCW 42.52.010, does not constitute any form of gambling or a lottery subject to chapter 9.46 RCW or rules adopted under this chapter when conducted as follows: (1) Gross revenues from such a raffle do not exceed three thousand dollars;

(2) Tickets to such a raffle are sold only to, and winners are determined only from among, the employees of the agency; and

(3) All revenue less prizes and expenses received from such a raffle are devoted to purposes authorized under this act for charitable and nonprofit organizations.